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Coal board seeks compromise on pit closure talks

By Paul Routledge and Philip Webster

The National Coal Board is working on compromise proposals to put to the miners as their strike against pit closures goes into its eighth week, establishing a record as the biggest stoppage in the industry since the General Strike of 1926.

Mr Ned Smith, the coal board's director-general of industrial relations, has indicated that the critical issue of colliery closures and job cutbacks could be moved back from national negotiations to area discussions if the National Union of Mineworkers agrees to early consultations.

"The decision on pits should be left to the areas", he said. Questions of how many men would be redundant and how many could be transferred to long-life mines should be handled by unions and management at area level within agreed procedure. "The timing and scale could be adjusted there", he said.

His comments mark a step away from the coal board's March 6 announcement that 20,000 jobs had to go within a year through the closure of 4 million tonnes of capacity, and will be seized upon by union moderates searching for common ground on which to open talks with the board.

However, Mr Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, was adamant last night that the miners would not take part in a round-table conference on pit closures with other unions in the industry.

"There will be no discussions involving the NUM that are centred on closing any pits other than those that are exhausted and those that have bad geology and are creating problems of safety for the men employed in them", he argued.

But if the board withdrew its nationally-declared intention to shut 20 pits with the loss of 20,000 jobs "that presents

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opportunities", he added. "If they withdraw the list there may be some agreement on an agenda to talk."

But while the board wants eventually to implement its original "slimdown" objectives, the miners are still seeking expansion of the industry and a capital reconstruction to minimize the burden of debt.

Union leaders are also stepping up their efforts to halt the 25 pits still working in the moderate Nottinghamshire coalfield.

The Yorkshire miners' president Mr Jack Taylor, admitted at the weekend that the determination of moderate colliers had hit the union hard.

He told a May Day rally in Doncaster: "I am confident that sooner or later the Nottingham men will be persuaded to come into line, but make no mistake about it the cost of their defiance has been enormous both financially and in terms of moral".

And Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, told a rally in Sutton in Ashfield last night that many more strikers should man the picket lines

Mr Roy Hattersley yesterday agreed with Mr Scargill that the Nottinghamshire miners should be on strike, but Labour's deputy leader was critical of Mr Scargill's handling of the dispute.

Giving the Labour leadership's strongest public backing so far for the dispute, Mr Hattersley declared that if he was a Nottinghamshire miner he would be on strike. It is easy for me to make that judgment because I not a Nottinghamshire miner. The emotion as well as the rationality of the argument would have brought me out, but I am not going to preach to the Nottingham miners."

By any standards, it was a national strike, but tactically as well as democratically a ballot would have been the right thing. He also felt there were real ideological differences between Mr Scargill and most of the miners.

"This argument, this battle, this strike is not an ideological strike", Mr Hattersley said in an interview on London Weekend Television's *Weekend World* programme. "It is not about revolution, the nature of society or overthrowing the government".

If the miners were asked to go on strike to overthrow Mrs Thatcher they would laugh at their leaders. "The strike is about the coal industry. The strike is for industrial objectives and not for political objectives. I am wholly opposed to the view that you take direct action to bring governments down".



Sunshine princess: The Princess of Wales at Windsor yesterday where she watched the Prince of Wales play polo.

Pretoria facing oil deal scandal

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Claims that South Africa's oil purchasing agency, the Strategic Fuel Fund, has been involved in shady deals which have cost the country £220m more than it needed to spend, were threatening to explode into a big corruption scandal at the weekend.

A dossier handed to Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister, by Dr Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert, Leader of the Opposition, lists the names of five senior officials. It is based on information given to Dr Van Zyl Slabbert anonymously, but which, he has told Parliament, appears to be "merely the tip of the iceberg".

Mr Botha told Parliament last week that "not one of my ministers is under suspicion. Not a single state official is under suspicion".

Although the National Intelligence Service had investigated and found no evidence of corruption, the allegations had been referred to the Advocate-General.

Because of boycotts, South Africa cannot buy oil in the normal way. The SFF, unlike other government bodies, which must account to the Auditor-General how they spend public money, does not come under his scrutiny.

According to the dossier handed over by the Opposition Leader, the SFF has paid £220m more than the contract prices in deals with Mr Marc Rich, an American commodities trader and Mr John Deuss, a Dutchman.

Mr Rich, who is based in Zug, Switzerland, is wanted by the American authorities on tax evasion charges amounting to $48m (£32m), the biggest in American history.

Mr Deuss, who visits South Africa several times a year, is being sued by the Russian oil company, Sojuzneft Export, over contracts said to involve large sums.

Dr Van Zyl Slabbert said his dossier claimed that the SFF dealt only with Mr Rich and Mr Deuss, although oil could have been obtained more cheaply from other sources.

Israelis swoop on anti-Arab activists

From Our Correspondent
Tel Aviv

There were sweeping arrests throughout the West Bank and Israel over the weekend as Israeli security services cracked down on a suspected Jewish underground believed responsible for a series of attacks on Arab civilians and the planting of booby-trap bombs on Arab buses on Friday.

Those detained included several hard-line Jewish activists from the West Bank and Golan Heights, reservist Army officers, at least one demolitions expert and local officials, according to Israeli press reports.

The suspects still held number between 15 and 20, the head of the Shin Beth internal

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security service told the Israeli Cabinet yesterday, while the radio and newspapers said 30 to 40 people were arrested as the sweep continued.

At the Cabinet meeting held as a session of the defence committee and hence secret, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, said the security forces "prevented a very great tragedy" in dismantling up to 16 bombs found on Friday on a fleet of Arab buses in East Jerusalem.

He said: "It would not only have been a great tragedy in that it could have caused the loss of many lives but it would also have caused inestimable damage to Israel and to its policy."

Mr Dan Meridor, a Cabinet spokesman, said the matter was extremely serious. But he objected to press references to an underground: "To call 15 to 20 people, if they are connected, an underground is less than accurate."

The security establishment imposed a news blackout pending interrogation of the suspects, who were remanded in custody for 15 days by judges brought to their cells around the country.

However, some security officers privately speculated that the arrests may crack a string of unsolved cases of anti-Arab violence in recent years. Some suspected vigilantes are already

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Libyan bureau siege aftermath

Demands grow for inquiry

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Demands for a full-scale official inquiry into the siege of the Libyan People's Bureau grew yesterday from politicians of all parties, but still appeared likely to be resisted by the Government in the Commons this week.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, who is expected to make a statement to MPs tomorrow, yesterday defended the Government's handling of the siege, replied to critics whom he said were being wise after the event, and said that until the siege there was no firm evidence available to the Government to suggest that terrorism had been ordered from the bureau.

The Prime Minister is known to be opposed to the setting up of an inquiry similar to that conducted by Lord Franks into the Falklands war, but other party leaders have made clear their view that an independent inquiry is necessary.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, citing a report in *The Times* on Saturday quoting a senior administration source as saying that an intercepted message sent by cable from Libya shortly before the shooting of Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher "may be a story of missed opportunity", said the country was entitled to an investigation to determine exactly what intelligence had been available to the Government.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow home secretary, is to call for a formal inquiry.

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Police in search for guns and explosives

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police explosives experts, forensic scientists and detectives were expected to start searching the Libyan People's Bureau at first light today. The building lost its diplomatic status at midnight.

Final plans were made by Scotland Yard yesterday to discover any arms or explosives in the St James's Square premises and to try to pinpoint from where on the first floor a gunman killed WPC Yvonne Fletcher. The spot will be examined for any fresh clues.

At the end of the siege last week the Yard announced that it would not approach the bureau at night because of fears that the Libyans might leave booby-traps.

Yesterday, the building was occupied until midnight by Mr Abdelghadr Kiaralla, one of the Libyan diplomats who will look after his country's interests via the Saudi Arabian embassy. Mr Kiaralla said the building contained files and documents. No rooms or cupboards had been locked.

Under diplomatic regulations nothing that locked should be tampered with.

The police said observers would be invited to enter the bureau with them. The most likely candidate is a member of the Saudi embassy, which represents Libyan interests.

The first stage is likely to be carried out by dog handlers with German shepherds and Labradors trained to sniff out explosives. The police may use instruments to detect explosives.

If any the Yard's specialist explosives unit will defuse the device. It is likely to have remote control equipment and the expertise of the Army on call.

Once the bureau has been declared safe the Yard's scientists will probably be able to tell whether it has been used recently to harbour guns or explosives. On the first floor an inch-by-inch examination will determine evidence of the shooting.

Until the bureau is clear of any risk the square will continue to be restricted to those who work in offices there. But some buildings close to the

Abd Al-Rahmain Shaibi, who led the Libyan departure supervisors, leaving Heathrow Airport yesterday

bureau will be closed today and no one is to use rooms overlooking the square or streets close by for fear of an explosion.

Faced with continuing reports yesterday that the police know the identity of the gunman, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, said that he was not aware of any name.

Police efforts were not helped by Libyans in the bureau, who at one stage during the siege led the police to believe the killer had escaped.

Mr Brittan revealed that 19 of the 30 Libyans in the bureau had diplomatic status.

BA to sell shares to employees

By Jonathan Davis
Financial Correspondent

British Airways' 37,000 employees are to have the chance to buy shares in the airline on a save-as-you-earn basis when it is privatized next spring.

The money will be deducted from wages over five years and lodged in a trust fund until employees have paid enough to qualify for outright ownership – and therefore for shareholder rewards such as dividend payments.

The scheme is part of the Government's campaign to encourage wider employee share ownership in businesses when they are denationalized.

Final details are being worked out between the airline, the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry. Better-off employees will have the chance to buy shares outright.

BA's employees stand to receive a different financial bonus this week when the airline reports its 1983 results. Lord King, the chairman, has already forecast an operating profit of between £250m and £270m, against £174m in 1982.

BA staff will receive a bonus of two weeks' wages, under a profit-sharing scheme introduced last autumn. Stewardesses earning £6,000 a year will receive about £240, with pilots and other highly-paid staff receiving bonuses of £1,000 or more.

The £250m profit is regarded as the minimum needed to ensure an enthusiastic welcome for the airline from stock market investors.

● The Government is expected to spend as much as £10m on an advertising campaign to encourage telephone subscribers to buy British Telecom shares.

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Olympic flame via satellite

From Mario Modiano
Athens

In the absence of Greek relay runners, the Olympic flame is to be sent from ancient Olympia directly to the United States care of the Greek Post Office.

The Greek Olympic Committee cancelled the traditional lighting of the flame and its relay by runners to Athens, after the educational and sports authorities here decided to boycott the ceremonies as a protest against what they called the commercial exploitation of the Olympic flame relay in the US.

Now, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has assigned Professor Nikos Nissiotis, one of its Greek members, to go to the Coubertin Grove in ancient Olympia, light the flame and hand it to a representative of the organizing committee of the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

He, in turn, by arrangement with the local post office, will transmit the flame to New York by telephone impulse through satellites.

President Karamanlis stepped into the controversy late last week to ensure that the state authorities would not withhold their cooperation from the IOC in securing the transfer of the flames.

Mr Spyros Fotinos, the left-wing Mayor of Olympia, who had threatened demonstrations to stop the flame from leaving, is now proposing that delivery of the flame should be withheld by Greece until July 20, the day of the opening of the games, so that the flame is sent by laser beam directly to the stadium to prevent its relay by commercially sponsored runners.

Rain forecast for south

Rain at times, particularly in the south of England, was predicted for tomorrow after the prolonged dry sunny spell. The weather bureau said that an approaching front will bring rain to the south-west early tomorrow and that this rain will spread to the rest of the country during the day.

Another weekend of blazing sunshine has helped made this month one of the sunniest Aprils on record. The warmest place in Britain over the weekend was the west coast of Scotland, where temperatures reached 22C (72F) on Saturday.

But records are falling in England: Devon has already enjoyed the most April sunshine for 46 years, and the London Weather Centre reported yesterday that central London has had its sunniest April since figures were first collected in 1929.

The dry spell has brought difficulties particularly in rural areas. Many parts of Britain have had no rain for almost three weeks. The West Country has been placed on drought alert, with loudspeaker vans touring towns and villages asking people to conserve supplies. Forecast, back page

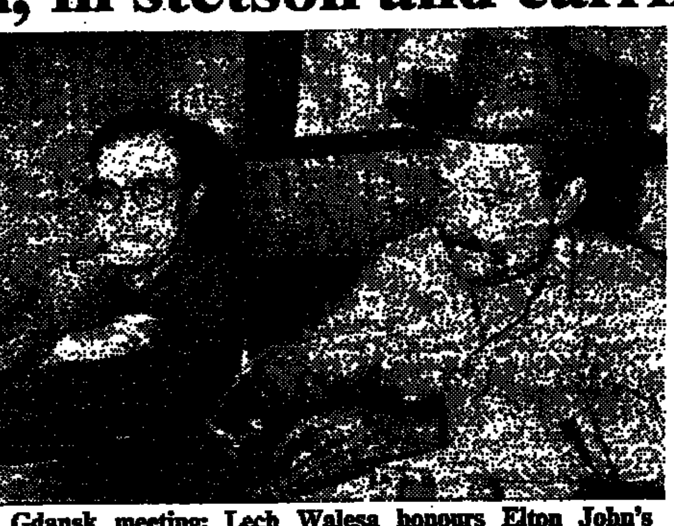
Elton, in stetson and earring, calls on Lech

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

The Gdansk high-rise estate of Zaspa, which shelters the cramped flat of Mr Lech Walesa, is a bleak urban wasteland, scarred by vandals and miles from anywhere. In the interests of political camouflage, Elton John shed his normal garb of straw boater, red frock coat and bow tie and put on an inconspicuous Texan stetson and a fetching diamond earring.

On the street, few people realized that the chairman of Watford football club was en route to meet the chairman, of the outlawed solidarity union. It was just an ordinary sort of chap in stetson and an earring.

Mr Walesa kept the British rock star waiting in the living room. He looked nervous, having heard all the stories about communist secret police. Freshly shaven, Mr Walesa came in with his characteristic speeded-up Charlie Chaplin walk.



Gdansk meeting: Lech Walesa honours Elton John's stetson as they exchange autographs in Mr Walesa's flat

"Ahoy pal," said the rock star.

"I want to say," said Mr Walesa, "that I'm glad you could visit me in this situation, especially as I'm going through difficult times."

"I bring you greetings from my whole band," said Elton, "and from everybody in England."

The rock star plumped down on the sofa underneath the portrait of the Pope. "Tea or coffee? asked Mr Walesa.

"Tea would be just fabulous, Lech".

Elton John is on the final stage of a tour of Eastern Europe made, he assured some, at a financial loss to give him the chance of finding out about life in the communist bloc. He wanted the meeting on Saturday with Mr Walesa out of pure curiosity. Mr Walesa accepted out of pure politeness.

The two met for an hour and discussed, according to Mr Walesa, football. But some hints that politics was on the agenda came in the small talk before they threw out the reporters.

The politics began earnest at the concert in the Olivia Hall – scene of the 1981 Solidarity congress which elected Mr Walesa, clutching his free ticket from Elton, took up his position near the stage.

"Long live Walesa", shouted a handful of supporters. Others clamoured for autographs.

Then the British star skipped onto the stage, more comfortable now in his red frock coat, and flashed a little V-for-Victory sign, the symbol of Solidarity demonstrators.

At the front, around Mr Walesa, young Poles replied in kind, smoke bombs, strangely reminiscent of teargas, emitted green and grey palls and the music smothered any further political sentiment.

"The only way I can bring people together is through music. It's not like your er... er... business", Elton had modestly told Mr Walesa before the concert. Yesterday Mr Walesa was extremely polite about Elton John. "I liked him, I tried to put him at his ease. It has been marvellous – but I think I have very sensitive ears – I can still hear a loud buzzing noise in my ears."

Foreign Office makes quick start on review of diplomatic relations code

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Office lawyers have started their review of the 1961 Vienna Convention, which could lead to changes in the rules of behaviour codifying diplomaic relations between states.

Several embassies in London have approached Whitehall asking for an early indication of Government views, and some, including the West Germans, are known to have proposals of their own. The need for haste is the opening in Geneva next month of the annual meeting of the United Sations International Law Commission, where any representations to alter the convention would first have to be made. The commission, during its meeting of three to four months, will need time to consider the proposals and to agree on its own, which would then have to go before the UN General assembly's committee in September. Failure to complete that part of the process within the next few months could mean a year's delay in what promises to be a long legal wrangle anyway.

The probable procedure is for the sixth committee to refer back to the law commission any proposals which it does not like, and when it is satisfied with the results to call a diplomatic conference to consider the proposed changes.

A complicating factor is that although Britain would like to deter countries from cynically abusing the immunity of diplomatic bags by smuggling arms and ammunition inside them, the Foreign Office is fearful of weakening the Vienna Convention to its own disadvantage. Its officials are well aware of the Pandora's Box which could be opened if diplomatic immunity in general terms was weakened.

Sources in Whitehall emphasize that what is now under way is a review of the "adequacy, operation and enforceability" of the convention's 51 articles, which does not necessarily mean that in the end Britain would propose any changes at all.

Meanwhile, a thorough police search of what is henceforth to be known simply as No 5 St James's Square might take some time, Vienna Convention or not.

The convention's article 45, much thumbed during the past 10 days by journalists, obliges Britain to "respect and protect" the premises of a foreign mission after a breakdown in diplomatic relations.

It is that loosely-drafted phrase which gives the Metropolitan Police the right, according to Whitehall lawyers, to enter the building to ensure that the place is not being used as a kind of West End arsenal.

But the listed Georgian building also remains the private property of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, which paid £2.5m for a 125-year lease in the late 1970s.

The upkeep of its elegant eighteenth-century interior, expensively refurbished eight years ago, will be the responsibility of the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Belgrave Square, whose government has become the protecting power for Libyan interests in this country.

A Saudi representative is expected to accompany police today as they wander warily over the 20,000 sq ft of floor space, including a penthouse flat and garage with room for 11 Rolls-Royces.

Colonel Gaddafi's own police will almost certainly march into the empty British embassy around the same time, as part of his policy of tit-for-tat.



The Duke of Kent, president of the Scout Association, chatting yesterday to a Cub Scout who had won a gallantry award. The Duke took the salute at a march-past of 1,200 Queen's Scouts at Windsor Castle (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater)

Dublin aims to spur Thatcher into action on Ulster

By Richard Ford

An important diplomatic offensive is to be launched by the Republic of Ireland to promote the New Ireland Forum report, which is expected to be published this week.

The initiative is intended to persuade the British Government to start talks on breaking the deadlock in Northern Ireland.

The Dublin Government, alarmed at the polarization in Northern Ireland, and the rise of provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA, hopes that it will bring peace and stability.

It will be emphasized that the constitutional nationalist parties have discussed the problem during the past 11 months and that Britain should be prepared to undertake a similar study.

The report, agreed by party leaders last Friday, will be finalized today at a full meeting of the forum in Dublin Castle. The Dublin Government is anxious that it should be published by Thursday, so that it does not compete with British by-elections and local government polls for media coverage.

Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister, is understood to have briefed Mr Tip O'Neill, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives who is visiting co Clare, and Mr Noel Dorr, the Irish Ambassador in Britain.

The Irish Government does not expect an immediate response from Britain, but it is prepared for condemnation from Unionists in Belfast.

The report will reflect compromises between the Irish parties. It will reaffirm the traditional nationalist aim, strongly supported by Mr Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail party, of a 32-county state, but a federal solution and joint authority between Britain and the republic over Northern Ireland are also likely to be suggested.

Members of Fine Ghael, Labour and the Social Democratic and Labour parties believe that those two options are likely to elicit a more positive response from Britain.

The report will also look at church-state relations, civil liberties and guarantees to protect the Unionist view. It will examine the economic costs of unity and probably suggest means by which the people of Northern Ireland will not suffer a drop in living standards under any new political arrangement.

Official Unionists in Northern Ireland have already suggested administrative devolution in which there would be partnership between Unionists and nationalists in running such areas as education and health.

The Ulster Defence Association, the largest "loyalist" paramilitary organization, has also suggested that it would consider taking a seat in the republic's senate if offered the opportunity.

● The European election headquarters in Londonderry of Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party were destroyed by fire on Saturday night only two days after opening.

● Terrorists killed a Roman Catholic businessman in a car bomb attack near Armagh city yesterday, accusing him of being a collaborator with the security forces. A group called the Irish Freedom Fighters, believed to be a front for the Provisional IRA, claimed responsibility for the death of Mr Thomas McGeary, aged 48, a father of seven children.

Searching for coal peace

Pit boy comes to the surface

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The captain of Chestfield golf club, Mr Ned Smith, was out on the course in the morning sunshine yesterday, but he would have preferred to spend the time in a smoke-filled room with Mr Arthur Scargill.

For this particular man of Kent is the industrial relations director-general of the National Coal Board, and his latest attempt to bring the two sides together looks dangerously close to failure.

As the coal strike enters its eighth week, Mr Smith, aged 59, finds himself thrust into the limelight more than any previous holder of one of the most sensitive posts in British industry.

Traditionally, the industrial relations professionals work behind the scenes and the public talking is done by board members. But when the miners last week offered talks "anytime, anywhere", though only on their own terms, it was Mr Smith who fronted for the board. He took up the challenge and offered a round-table consultative meeting, which the union has not yet taken up.

A big man with a mane of grey hair, he is a sharp dresser with an expansive style, and would be more easily mistaken for a theratrical impresario than for his true role as a nuts-and-bolts operator at the heavy end of labour relations.

But he is a miner's son, raised in the militant Kent coalfield. He went to school at the "black hut" in the pit yard at Chislet (a long-defunct colliery) along with one Jack Collins, now the communist secretary of the Kent miners.

His father, a Northumberland pitman, was blacklisted in his own coalfield and, like thousands of others, went south to find work in the 1930s. He did not want Ned to go down the pit, but after two months as the Co-op butcher's boy, it was the mining industry for life.

Mr Ned Smith: Trying not to let the grass grow under his feet

At nationalization, he was an underground face-measurer, calculating the output each shift: "It would have been a grubby-collar job if we had worn shirts", he says. at that time he was active in the union and was even selected as Labour's candidate for Canterbury, although he did not contest the seat.

Instead, he went into junior management as a "high-flyer" administrative trainee, a post normally reserved for graduate entrants, and never really looked back. He had stints in Hobart House (the coal board's headquarters), Northumberland, Kent and South Yorkshire, where he was responsible for industrial relations at Cirtonwood, the pit whose closures triggered the present dispute, before returning to headquarters in the Robens era to head the personnel function for the newly-created Coal products division. In 1976, he became deputy director-general for industrial relations, and succeeded to the number one position when Mr Reg Thompson resigned suddenly in February last year.

When he is not sorting out the recurrent labour crises in the pits, Ned Smith plays golf or acts as "labourer to my wife" in the garden. But mostly he is at his desk on the first floor of a gaunt redbrick building opposite the back of Buckingham Palace.

He rates his personal relationships with union leaders as good. "We have a good understanding", he says. "I am a great believer in being open-handed, and I expect them to be the same with me."

The present dispute is different in character to the big strikes of 1972 and 1974, he argues. "Those were expressions of disagreement by the union with government policy on their wages. It was not a direct conflict between the employer and the employee. This time it is directly between the board and the union."

Dismay at ruling on farm chief

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Members of the Agricultural Wages Board representing employers and farmworkers are expected to unite in demanding an explanation for a decision not to renew the appointment of Professor Gordon Dickson as the board's chairman.

Professor Dickson told them at a meeting on Friday that Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture, had informed him that his three year appointment, which expires in June, would not be renewed. The reason given was that the employers had lost confidence in his chairmanship.



Mr Jopling: Explanation caused surprise

But Mr Chris French, the National Farmers' Union chief negotiator, said he was staggered by Mr Jopling's explanation, which he described as appalling.

"I have never made any representations to him on the subject at all," he added.

Professor Dickson, who is head of the Agriculture department at Newcastle University, has won widespread respect for his impartiality and ability

Thatcher to seek a third term

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has used the opportunity provided by the fifth anniversary of her first general election victory to make clear her determination to lead the Conservatives into the next election.

In a statement from Downing Street, given to Sunday newspapers, Mrs Thatcher dispelled any doubts about her wish to go for a third win by saying that her anniversary thoughts would dwell not on ths past but on the future – "on the next five years, and beyond, to the tasks that remain to regenerate this country's vigour and enterprise."

The Prime Minister's statement was unexpected, but its timing appeared to represent nothing more than a desire to maximize the public relations potential of next Friday's anniversary of her entry into Downing Street in 1979

It had a strong electoral flavour. Mrs Thatcher said that the British people had elected her Prime Minister primarily because they sensed that socialism had been leading them "to a life of debilitating dependence on the state when what they really wanted was the independence an freedom of self-reliance and responsibility."

The likelihood of Mrs Thatcher going for a third term was questioned by no more than a handful of MPs. Now the main rivals for the succession, who include Mr Michael Heseltine, Mr Norman Tebbit, Mr Peter Walker, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr Francis Pym, know they have a long wait.

Her statement coincided with a MORI opinion poll in *The Sunday Times* which showed the Conservatives having regained the lead over Labour they lost in early March. It gave the Conservatives 42 per cent support, Labour 36 per cent and the Alliance 20 per cent.

Strong government, she said, was paying off in at least five areas:

The economy: Lowest inflation rate for 16 years, lowest interest rates for six years and a declining budget deficit "has made us the envy of many nations."

Vested interests: "We are now a freer and fairer economy. Rate increases are down to an average of only 6 per cent."

Law and order: "We are seeing the first glimmer of hope in the battle against crime, thanks to our strengthening and support of the police."

Europe: "The Government's efforts have created the prospect of a fairer, more rational and defensible European Community."

Defence: "We are a true and strong ally... We shall maintain our shield but want to talk to eastern Europe and to achieve a better understanding, a balanced reduction in the level of armaments and an easing of tension."

Crosswords solved in 14 minutes

By Our Crossword Editor

Mr W. L. Miron, of Halam, Nottinghamshire, a frequent national finalist in the Collins Dictionary Times Crossword championship, won the Leeds regional final yesterday at the Queen's Hotel, Leeds.

Mr Miron, aged 71, a former director of the National Coal Board, solved the four puzzles in an average time of 14 minutes each.

Mr David Meadows, aged 50, of Alveston, Derby, an information scientist with the Royal Society of Chemsitry, came second with 61 time bonus points. After the first three puzzles, a score of competitors had correct solutions, but most were defeated by the final puzzle.

Mr Paul Kendall, of Milton Keynes, an administrator at the Open University, who has been entering the championship for eight years, came third with 53 bonus points, and Mr Gordon Lessells, a mathematician from Limerick, fourth with 49 bonus points.

All four go forward to the national final in London in September. The prizes were presented by Mr A. Macfarlane, publishing director of Collins reference division.

Wage cut demand by Jenkins

By Our Labour Editor

The Trade Union Unit Trust, which has 14,000 investors and a portfolio of about £15m, is about to be plunged into some uncomradely strife because of the withdrawal of recognition of Mr Clive Jenkins's Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs.

Union officials, including Mr Jenkins, the association's general secretary, will present themselves as proxy voters at the annual meeting of the National Mutual Life Assurance Society tomorrow to demand a £1 a year salary reduction for its directors.

Their action comes after a decision by National Mutual Life to withdraw bargaining rights from the union only eight years after recognizing ASTMS, a step which puts at risk a growing investment business from the labour movement.

Through a wholly-owned subsidiary, St George Assurance, National Mutial Life helps in the management of the Trade Union Trust,

Mr Ken Hazell, general manager of National Mutual, said last night that the withdrawal of recognition was inevitable. The union had put forward "ridiculous and excessive" pay claims on which it would not negotiate.

Dispute over at Observer

The *Observer* newspaper appeared in full yesterday and announced that the two-week-old dispute between Mr Donald Trelford, its editor and Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland its proprietor, over editorial content and management had ended. Mr Rowland has refused Mr Trelford's resignation offer.

But one of the newspaper's independent directors said yesterday the relationship between the two men would continue to be rough, especially over coverage of African affairs.

Arrests after animal protest

A security guard was injured and 23 animal rights protesters were arrested yesterday at the laboratories of Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) at Alderley Park, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

About 80 protestors, said to be from the Northern Animal Liberation League, are reported to have stormed the site perimeter, thrown smoke bombs, and forced doors open with crowbars to film animals at the laboratories.

Union poised to accept election aid

From Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter, Eastbourne

Leaders of Britain's second largest union may decide this week to defy the rest of the labour movement by taking government money to finance internal elections.

The right-wing dominated national committee of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers will come under pressure to accept subsidies, which would relieve the union's financial problems, but could lead to its suspension from the TUC.

Mr Terry Duffy, president of the union, is confident that the motion, defeated at a previous conference, will be voted through by the committee of 52 members this year.

The cash has been made available under government legislation which seeks to promote greater democracy within trade unions.

On the eve of the national committee's annual meeting in Eastbourne, Mr Duffy said: "I see no difference in taking money for elections from accepting it for education, as we do now."

Under normal circumstances, 28 or 29 of the delegates would form a right-wing majority for such a resolution, but there is speculation that some of them might decide against a "sell out."

Schools facing closure

By Colin Hughes

Primary and secondary school pupils start their summer term today with the prospect of being caught up in industrial action over the teacher's pay dispute which shows few signs of resolution.

Employers and union leaders resume negotiations this afternoon, which the employers will open by increasing their offer, from 3 per cent to 4.5 per cent.

Mr Philip Merridale, chairman of the employers' side said yesterday that any offer above 3 per cent would result in teachers' jobs being lost in several authorities.

Mr Douglas McAvoy, chairman of the teachers' side, and deputy general secretary of the National Union of Teachers which has 230,000 members, said that attitudes had hardened during teachers' conferences last week, which brought home how poorly they were paid.

The National Union of Teachers is to hold a one-day strike on May 9, and it and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers are refusing to cover for absent colleagues or to do supervision. The action will mean some schools, particularly those in rural areas, having to close for half-days, from today and tomorrow.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Correction

In the table on April 28, giving teenagers' religious beliefs, the percentages believing that "Jesus is the Son of God" should have been: Roman Catholics, 91; Free Church 89; Church of England, 82.

Sale room

Star Meissen pieces go to Europeans

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

European collectors and dealers bought the star pieces of Christie's sale of European ceramics in New York on Friday. A Swiss private collector paid $33,000 (estimate $25,000 to $35,000), or £23,239, the highest price of the day, for a very pretty pair of Meissen figures of golden orioles, modelled by Kanedler and Reinicke and dating from about 1740. The yellow birds are on cherry tree stumps, upported by scrolling of rocco ormolu.

A German dealer paid $30,800 (estimate $12,000 to $15,000), or £21,960, and a German private collector $28,600 (estimate $12,000 to $15,000), for £20,140, for two Meiseen figures of actors dating from the 1740s. The first was a 7¼in figure of "Hanswurst", an ugly customer carrying a sausage, and the second a 6¼in "Pulchinella", carrying a slapstick.

Winifred Williams, the London dealer, spent $24,200 (estimate $10,000 to $20,000), or £17,042, on a Böttger red stoneware jug with silver mugs. Böttger's stone ware was the first step in the Meissen factory's search for the secret of porcelain making.

At Sotheby's in New York on Friday a sale of American-Indian art was unsuccessful. The morning session was devoted to the northern tribes and totalled £107,894 wioth 40 per cent left unsold.

The afternoon was devoted to artifacts by tribes from the south-west which was more popular, making a total of £253,370 with 18 per cent unsold. A classic Navajo chief's blanket fetched $29,700 (estimate $20,000 to $30,000), or £21,064.

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Seatbelt law cuts number of hospital casualties by a fifth, survey shows

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Hospitals are now treating 20 per cent fewer car crash casualties and the number of accident victims requiring in-patient treatment has fallen by more than 35 per cent since the wearing of seat belts became compulsory, according to the preliminary findings of a medical survey.

The study is still continuing, but already supports Department of Transport figures showing 475 fewer deaths and 7,000 fewer injuries between February of last year, when the law took effect, and December, compared with the same period of 1982.

The study also shows marked decreases in the numbers of brain injuries, serious chest and kidney injuries, arm fractures and superficial injuries to the face and limbs for crash victims in the front seats of cars.

The findings are based on data for the six months of February to July, 1982, compared with the same six months of last year. Fifteen hospitals and more than 6,600 casualties are considered in the preliminary report.

FRONT–SEAT CASUALTIES

	Feb-Jly 1982 (%)	Feb-Jly 1983 (%)
Died in hospital	0.57	0.43
Surviving admissions	18.01	14.26
Surviving outpatients	64.02	66.03

Comparison of injuries

	%	%
Facial wounds	15.19	6.72 (–64%)
Concussion	13.76	9.21 (–45)
Fractured skull	0.82	0.54 (–46)
Intrnl chst inj's	1.33	0.47 (–71)
Sprained necks	13.54	20.09 (+21)

The organizer of the study, Mr William Rutherford, consultant in accident and emergency medicines at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, said: "The undoubted success of seatbelt legislation should not obscure the fact that death and unjury on the roads are still unacceptably high".

Tomorrow, Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, will introduce a private member's Bill calling for the mandatory fitting of rear seatbelts in new cars.

Rear seatbelts would save an additional 300 lives a year, including about 100 front seat passengers who are killed by the impact of unrestrained rear passengers during road accidents, Mr Mitchell believes.

"There is still enormous scope for improvement in car passenger safety and it is high time that rear belts were more widely available", he said. "They would protect those 22,000 or more passengers who are injured in the rear seats of cars every year." At present, he said, only 5 to 10 per cent of new cars had rear belts fitted.

The hospital survey shows that not all injuries have fallen since legislation was introduced last year. Fractures and dislocations of the spine, though generally uncommon, have become somewhat more common since the law came into effect, and sprains of the neck, which were already commen, have also increased.

The preliminary findings of the study have been presented to the annual conference of the Casualties Surgeons' Association.



Rebecca Thomas, aged five, from Warminster, Wiltshire, in the workout at the QPR stadium yesterday

Aerobics to boost Olympics fund

Seven hundred and seventy four people took part in an aerobic exercise led by the Guinness workout team at the Queens Park Rangers ground in London yesterday.

The participants were aiming for a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* as well as raising funds for the British Olympic Appeal, which stand at £1.2m. The Guinness brewery company has agreed to match the cash raised through individual sponsorships and donations.

Photogragh: Chris Harris

Pickfords challenges bucket shops on cheap air fares

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Pickfords Travel is to challenge the cut-price air ticket "bucket shops" with its own two-pronged discount strategy.

It is launching a chain of 20 Travel Mart shops selling cheap tickets, and will offer a similar service from special Pricesaver counters in up to a third of its high street agencies.

Pickfords is the first big chain to take on the bucket shops openly. Most travel agencies have concentrated on finding the best ticket deals for business travellers, but the Pickfords strategy should bring cheaper tickets within reach of holiday makers who may have been loath to use bucket shops.

About 10 per cent of all airline tickets are sold at discount prices, in spite of an internationally agreed fare structure.

But Mr Neil Thomspon, managing director of Travel Mart, says more than a third of discounted tickets fall within the agreement.

Such discounts include advance passenger excursion fares (APEX), group rates, fares linked to minimal inclusive tours and discounts offered by charter airlines.

The Civil Aviation Authority appears disinclined to clamp down on discounts which fall outside the agreement, and other efforts to restrict discounting have failed because many cheap tickets come on to the market from the airlines themselves.

But Mr Thompson said the Travel Mart scheme would aim to avoid the "murkier" areas of the ticket business. "It is perfectly possible to run a business with fringe areas."

Pickfords have so far opened Travel Mart branches in Shepherds Bush and City Road, London; in Richmond, Surrey; Stockport, Greater Manchester, and Birmingham.

The pricesaver counters are being piloted in Bristol, Edinburgh and Newcastle upon Tyne, and others are due to open soon in Brighton, Canterbury, Oxford, Cambridge and Norwich.

A possible next step for Travel Mart would be to offer discounted package holidays which tour operators have been unable to sell. Such packages would probably be reformulated and sold in "own label" fashion as Travel Mart holidays.

Shop union calls for help to fight Sunday trading

The president of the shopworkers' union appealed yesterday for help from other trade unions to fight unrestricted Sunday trading.

Mr Syd Tierney told the annual conference of the Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers in Eastbourne: "We are in the middle of a political battle of the highest importance to our union as we fight unrestricted Sunday shopping and the prospect of the "open all hours" Act for the retail trades.

"It is a matter of great importance that all trade unions support our fight against Sunday trading and the fight to retain premium payments for all Sunday work. The movement must respond to our lead."

He said that Sunday trading would increase costs which would be passed on to consumers. "Traders will blame premium payments for Sunday work as being responsible for those costs.

"Wages councils, which ensure premium payments for Sunday, are under threat by a government which is pro-business and anti-worker."

NHS 'paying up to avoid court costs'

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The legal aid system is distorting claims for medical negligence against doctors and health authorities, producing a considerable drain on health service funds, an article in the *New Law Journal* says.

Even when plaintiffs lose their case, costs are so rarely awarded against them if they have legal aid that it is often cheaper for the health service to settle out of court than to have to meet the legal costs, according to the article by Professor Arthur Harland and Dr R. S. Jandoo of Glasgow University's department of forensic medicine.

In one case, a woman, fractured her collar bone and the break failed to heal properly. Specialists agreed the treatment had been proper and correct.

However, the woman was legally aided, the costs of the trial would have been £5,000, and the patient was prepared to settle for £500, so the patient was "offered an ex-gratia payment, which was accepted".

Even though payments are "ex-gratia", the patient still feels he has won, the doctors that they have lost, and "as a result the doctor-patient relationship is irreparably damaged", the article says.

Calling for reform of the law, the authors suggest there should either be a no-fault compensation scheme, as in New Zealand; legal costs should be more easily recoverable form those receiving legal aid; or the plaintiff's lawyer should be allowed to charge "contingency fees" – no payment and hence no legal costs, unless the case is won.

New Act could make some zoos shut

By Nicholas Timmins

Some zoos could close and their animals be destroyed after the introduction of the Zoo Licensing Act today, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said.

Privately and publicly owned zoos, bird gardens, safari parks and aquaria, will have six months to apply for a licence.

The zoos will be inspected by local authorities and Department of the Environment inspectors. Once their recommendations are met zoos will receive a licence for the first four years and later for six.

The standards cover the safety of visitors and staff after several accidents involving keepers; and housing and maintence for the animals, running to 130 provisions.

Without a licence, zoos will not be able to operate. The Act is being supported by the National Federation of Zoological Gardens, to which 40 of Britain's estimated 150 zoos belong.

Mr Roger Wheater, director of Edinburgh Zoo, and chairman of the federation's working party on the Act said: "The purpose is not to close down overnight zoos that are not conforming, but to give people an opportunity to put their house in order.

If zoos did not raise their standard when required to do so, however, closure would be a possibility, he said.

Mr Stefan Ormrod, chief wildlife officer of the RSPCA, welcomed the act. "Ninety per cent of zoos need some improvement."

RSPCA inspectors had seen a hyena in a cage with four months of droppings, a bear with only a milk crate for entertainment and gregarious monkeys which had their tails chewed off because they had "gone psychotic" through being kept isolated.

Some zoos would have to spend a lot and half a dozen might close in the first year.

"If the Act is a success, a large number of animals are likely to be put down. Other zoos will not be able or want to take them. If you have a well-established group of baboons, you are not going to risk messing things up by taking a mental animal into the group.

"But it is better to get it right now with good standards than have the continued steady conumption of animals into the system for the next 50 to 100 years, which is what has happened in the past".

Mr Ormrod said that his main worry was that the Act did not appear to force local authorities to impose the recommendation of inspectors.

Aircraft crash-lands next to A30

The pilot of a light aircraft crash-landed close to the busy A30 yesterday.

The Cessna two-seat aircraft piloted by Mr Grant Randall, aged 26, got into difficulties during a test flight near Exeter airport, and was forced to land in a field. It stopped five feet from the road.

Mr Randall, and his wife, who was a passenger, escaped with bruises.

Tag scheme to protect salmon

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The British Field Sports Society and the Salmon and Trout Association are launching a campaign today for new legislation to protect and conserve salmon stocks.

Members of both organizations are being urged to write to their MPs seeking support for a tagging scheme, such as is employed in Canada.

There a fishing licence is accompanied by tags, one of which must be attached to every fish caught. There are severe penalties, including imprisonment, for anyone caught with untagged fish.

The aim is that such a scheme in Britain should cover anglers and licensed commerdial nets men.

A society official said yesterday that although the scheme would not prevent poaching altogether, it would be an important deterrent, since even the most unscrupulous merchant would think twice about buying untagged fish.

Poaching, mainly by illegal drift netting, has been held largely responsible for this year's poor spring runs.

House raiders batter man to death

By Richard Ford

Raiders battered to death an elderly man yesterday as he attempted to free his three brothers and sister who had been tied to their beds at their home near Middleton in co Cork.

The two men ransacked the house and stole £180 leaving Mr Michael Walshe, aged 69, lying dead. Detectives in the Irish Republic launched a murder inquiry for the men described as "particularly vicious" who beat the man around the head with a large stick.

They broke into the house and bound Thomas, Patrick, Dennis and Elizabeth Walshe to their beds with their hands tied above their heads. Hours later their brother Michael was attacked after going upstairs to attempt to rescue them.

Mother and sons killed in fire

A man who was trapped on a window ledge outside his blazing home in Glasgow yesterday, shouted to firemen to save his wife and family first, but they were found dead when firemen reached them.

Mrs Janet Lee, aged 26, and her sons, aged four and three, were trapped in their top floor flat in Kilmuir Crescent, Arden. Mr Hugh Lee, aged 25, who was rescued by ladder, was treated for burns and the effects of smoke.

Landmark inquiry starts on £30m plan

By Our Achitecture Correspondent

One of Britain's biggest postwar planning battles opens at Guildhall, London, into plans to build a £30m, 21-storey glass and bronze office block at Mansion House, close to the Bank of England.

The design for the 290-ft tower and piazza above an underground shopping complex is by American architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, who died in 1969. It was commissioned by Mr Peter Palumbo, who has spent 26 years and £10m acquiring 12 freeholds and 345 leaseholds on the six-acre site for the scheme.

The development, including 378,000sq ft of offices, would be worth more than £100m on completion and letting.

Mr Palumbo first sought planning permission for it in 1968. The City of London's Court of Common Council and the Greater London Council approved the scheme in principle but withheld full permission until he could guarantee a continuous phased operation.

But since then attitudes have changed and much of the Victorian architecture which would have to be demolished – including the Mappin and Webb building and eight other listed buildings – has been incorporated in the Bank conservation area.

A new planning application was rejected in 1982. Tombrrow's inquiry is the result of Mr Palumbo's appeal through his company, No 1 Poultry Ltd., and City Acre Property Investment Trust Ltd.

But battle lines have been drawn over the issue of new development versus conservation. Mr Michael Manser, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, will attack the City for acting "dishonourably" in changing its mind over the plan.

Apart from the City and the GLC, the other main opponents include the Royal Fine Art Commission, Save Britain's Heritage – which has commissioned an alternative design by the post-modern architect of TV-am, Terry Farrell, – and the Victorian Society.

● Tonight Thames Television will be presenting its awards for modern architecture in London. Nearly 5,000 viewers of the nightly news programme *Thames News* voted for what they considered the best and worst examples of postwar buildings in the capital.

Architecture at the barricades, page 9

Blaze leap

Mr David Halling, aged 40, received multiple injuries after jumping from his third-floor flat in Perry Hill, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, yesterday to escape a fire. Cheltenham General Hospital said that his condition was serious but stable.

Poll fight for second place at 'Sign-On Valley'

From Tim Jones
Aberdare

The real battle in Thurday's Cynon Valley by-election is for second place. *Only a disaster of* shuddering proportions will prevent Mrs Ann Clwyd, the Labour candidate, from becoming the first woman to represent a South Wales valley seat.

Mrs Clwyd, a member of the European Parliament and the party's national executive, believes she can increase the 13,074 general election majority, *but when the result is* so predictable that seems to be optimistic.

Apart from a lethargy engendered by the heatwave, Mrs Clwyd is also fighting a male chauvinistic factor, for Cynon is a traditional mining area, where in better economic times women stayed at home.

Unemployment is so high that the area is known locally as "Sign-On Valley".

Mrs Clwyd, who totally supports the miners has been ambiguous in backing Mr Kinnock and his call for a national ballot on pit closures.

Mrs Clwyd said: "I have no objection to ballots, but the issue is not about ballots, it is about jobs."

Plaid Cymru, which knows it must capture an industrial seat to become a serious political force, has also pledged total commitment to the miners. Its candidate, Mr Clayton Jones, a local coach proprietor, has taken more than 1,000 pickets to the Nottinghamshire coalfield, and has spoken at miners' rallies.

His uncompromising message that the miners must win was instrumental in securing second place for Plaid in a county council by-election in the constituency last week. Plaid polled 30 per cent, compared with 9 per cent at the general election.

Mr Jones is fighting for second place against Mr Felix Aubel, the SDP/Alliance candidate, who was second at the *general election.*

There seems little prospect of the Conservative candidate, Mr James Arbuthnot, having to fulfil his pledge of living in the constituency if elected. A former head boy at Eton, and a member of Kensington and Chelsea borough council, Mr Arbuthnot will probably become an MP – but not for the Cynon Valley.

He went to see Mr Emlyn Williams, president of the South Wales miners, to ask why the union was not holding a ballot. *Mr Williams must have admired* his courage if not his politics.

The by-election was caused by the death of Mr Ioan Evans.

General election: Ioan Evans (Lab) 20,668; Felix Aubel (Alliance) 7,594; James Arbuthnot (C) 6,240; Pauline Jarman (Plaid Cymru) 3,421. Maj: 13,074.

£52,000 paid for South Downs wildlife site

Ninety-three acres of Malling Down, near Lewes in East Sussex, which contain turf said to be 4,000 years old, has been bought by the Sussex Trust for Nature Conservation for £52,000.

Half the site was part of the Ringmer Park Estate and the rest belonged to the Glyndebourne Estate. The areas is described as one of the most important wildlife sites on the South Down.

It contains a wide range of chalk grassland flowers and many species of insect which depend on them. Three endangered species of blue butterflies are found within Malling Down.

Local council elections, 1

The numbers game is confusing

Local council elections are so confusing that even some parties do not know *how many candidates they are fielding.* In the first of three articles Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent, sets the scene for this Thursday's poll in more than 200 councils across Great Britain.

The lady at the Cardiff headquarters of Plaid Cymru, the Welsh nationalist party, was keen to help. But she had little to impart. "We have not done a *breakdown,* and I am afraid we have no list of our candidates", she explained. "Yes, we are defending seats. But I am afraid I would not be *able to tell you* how many."

The Social Democrats, although more ambitious, were not much more knowledgeable. They hope to capture seats all over the country and double the *size of their present* collection of 200 councillors.

An official of the SDP at Westminster said that the Press *Association's independent estimate* that her party wasfielding 1,091 candidates was probably almostcorrect. But the exat total was probably rather higher, say about 1,200. The party's headquarters did not know what it was.

The Communists, at least, would surely know precisely what their members were doing in the regions. The organization department at the party's headquarters in London knew exactly how many seats the party would defend in Thursday's election. The figure was one, at Motherwell, Strathclyde.

But even the Communists *did not know their precise* nmuber of candidates. The organization department was sure that the total was about 85. But it might be a bit higher, and it might be rather lower. If the parties do not know what is happening, who can blame the voters for being confused?

This year's local council elections will inevitably be a poor relation of the three parliamentary by-elections on the same day and of the national elections for the European Parliament the following month.

The local elections, however, cover a wide stretch of the country, literally from Land's End to John O'Groats, or rather from Penwith District Council inCornwall to Caithness District Council in the Highland region.

The days in which councillors could last for years without declaring political allegiance or fighting an election are receding. *But local government still* retains a trace of the aimiable features that help to distinguish it from national politics.

A minority of the thousands of candidates standing on Thursday are not being opposed, so that more than 50 Conservatives and almost 100 Labour councillors will take power without the *inconvenience of contesting their* seats.

Another peculiarity of local politics is that some of its practitioners claim not to be politicians at all. In England and Wales more than 150, or about 6 per cent, of the seats up for election are held by councillors lebelled independents. In fact, throughout the country independents hold far more seats on major councils than does the SDP.

There are some councils holding elections on Thursday where observers will look in vain for dramatic political upsets. Take, for example, the district council of South Herefordshire, which retains its name 10 years after the old country of Herefordshire was merged into the new combined county of Hereford and Worcester.

South Herefordshire covers an area more than half the size of Greater London, with much fine scenery and little population. The inhabitants of South Herefordshire are vastly outnumbered by the populations of each of the 32 London boroughs. *The political* cut and thrust found in authorities all over the capital is missing from South Herefordshire.

There are, of course, politicians on the district council. The Liberal/SDP Alliance has *two members* and *the Conservatives* four. But seven councillors call themselves independents while the other 22 do not call themselves anything. If pressed, they will describe themselves as non-party, but prefer to be known simply by their occupations.

Even in some councils with heavy political representations, *there is little scope for change.* There are still councils where politicians from at least one of the main parties have no chance *of* getting beyond the public gallery.

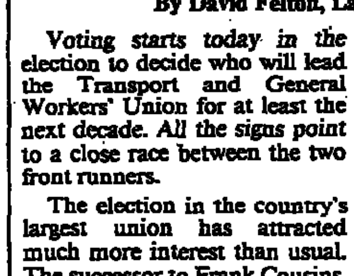
In Torbay District Council, which covers much of the most *fashionable section* of the Devon coast, the opposition numbers one independent and one representative of a ratepayers' and amenities association. The other 34 councillors are Conservatives.

It can work the other way round. Opposition on Afan District Council in West Glamorgan is concentrated in seven councillors who represent ratepayers. The other 24 belong to the Labour Party.

Changes in political control are made even less likely by the fact that Thursday's elections in England and Wales are limited in scope. They are happening only in the middle tier of councils, and ony for a third of the seats on councils for which elections are being held.

Tomorrow: Results to watch for.

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Miss Emma Johnson

Schoolgirl wins music title

Emma Johnson, aged 17, a clarinettist from Pett's Wood, Kent, was named BBC Television's Young Musician of the Year last night.

She was presented with a trophy and a £500 cheque by the Duchess of Kent at the *end of the concerto final in* the Manchester Free Trade Hall.

Miss Johnson, a schoolgirl, clinched the title with a performance of Crusell's Clarinet Concerto in F Minor.

Forty-two young musicians took part in the *competition.*

Contrast in styles for leadership election

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Voting starts today in the election to decide who will lead the Transport and General Workers' Union for at least the next decade. *All the signs point* to a close race between the two front runners.

The election in the country's largest union has attracted much more interest than usual. The successor to Frank Cousins, Jack Jones and Moss Evans is likely to be elected on a higher turnout than the normal 40 per cent.

The outcome is expected to turn on voting in two of the union's 11 regions: London and the South-east, with 390,000 members, the largest region, the Midlands, with 250,000.

Left-wingers backing Mr Ron Todd, aged 56, the union's national organizer, are pulling out the stops to deliver the vote in the South-east, which is *regarded as his power base,* while backers of Mr George Wright, the TGWU Welsh regional secretary, are mobilizing support *in the Midlands* car factories, where he started his union career.

While both men deny that the election is a contest between left and right, the right wing of the union is supporting Mr Wright while Mr Todd has the backing of the broad left grouping in the union. In addition to the political battle, a key factor will be the men's differing ideas on styles of leadership.

Mr Wright wants to take the union back to a Jack Jones tradition with the general *secretary adopting a high public* profile and leading from the front, while Mr Todd believes in continuing Mr Moss Evans's style of leadership, which largely rests on acting as a servant of the national executive of 39 members.

Mr Wright, aged 48, recently claimed that he was more left wing than Mr Todd, who, he says, has the backing of the hard left. But on several issues in the past such as pay policy, Labour Party leadership and *withdrawal from the* EEC Mr Wright had adopted more centrist policies.

Mr Todd is best known as the chief union negotiator at Ford and has the support of most of the union's national leadership. His supporters claim that he will win the most votes in the five largest regions and argue that Mr Wright's support comes from areas where there are generally no large concentrations of members.

Mr Wright has secured *nominations from about 500* branches compared with Mr Todd's 400, and the Welsh secretary's campaign organization say their advantage in the number of nominations indicates the breadth of his support across the country.

If Mr Wright does win it will be a break with the recent tradition that the union's general secretary has a motor industry background.

If Mr Todd wins, he will be the first Londoner to lead the union for decades.

£10m shares campaign planned for Telecom

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

About £10m may be spent by the Government on an advertising campaign to encourage telepone subscribers to purchase shares in British Telecom.

Telecom management will play virtually no part in the promotion over the summer and autumn because they consider it the Government's *duty to dispose of its shareholdings.*

The Government advertising campaign, on radio, television and in newspapers, is distinct from those British Telecom will run. It is indicative of the corporations' desire to keep away from the minutiae of the flotation. Also it is the Government which wants extensive public ownership. Most Telecom management fear that will present logistical problems in keeping shareholders informed. *There are more than 20 million* telephone subscribers.

The Government aims to sell 51 per cent of British Telecom in the *late autumn.*

The Independent Broadcasting Authority will advise on the campaign that is permissible because of the constraints imposed on television advertising for promoting political views.

The privatization of British Telecom is contentious, even within the Cabinet. Advertising is expected to be restricted to information only.

The Government remains anxious to make a ministerial statement this week on the sale, but several issues remain unresolved with British Telecom.

The Government's proposal to limit future tariff increases to 3 per cent below the retail price index is not popular with Telecom management and those City analysts who fear it will endanger a successful sale.

The corporation favours a constraint that would allow it to bring domestic telephone rentals into line with those charged to business.

The cost of any government advertising will be met from the sale proceeds. To encourage wide share ownership a voucher *allowing a rental rebate* is to be offered to shareholders. That will also be paid for from the sale.

Prospect for Brighton pier brightens

By John Young

After years of neglect and fruitless debate the future of Brighton's decaying West Pier at last seems brighter. Mr John Lloyd, secretary of the Brighton West Pier Trust, said yesterday that the trust expected to acquire the pier next month. It will begin an immediate survey, which it hopes will be completed by September.

The survey is being financed by a £50,000 grant from the new Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, which has since been matched by a similar grant from Brighton council.

The pier has been owned by the Crown Estates Commissioners since its former owners, went into liquidation in 1977. It is expected to be sold to the trust for a nominal £100.

Reactor fire

An inquiry started yesterday after a fire in the main reactor *building at the Berkeley nuclear* power station in Gloucestershire, but a spokesman said there was no risk of a radiation leak.



Front-wheel power: Some 200 Citroen Sevens from all over Europe parade on Paris's Rue Royale yesterday on the way to Le Bourget airport, where 2,000 of the vehicles gathered for the fiftieth anniversary of the launching of the model, the first popular front-wheel drive car.

Aborigines may have died in atom tests

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Mr John Bannon, the Labour Premier of South Australia, has called for a full investigation into allegations that four Aborigines died as a result of secret British nuclear tests at Maralinga in 1963.

His call comes after a former RAF technician, dying of cancer in Adelaide, said that he found the bodies of four Aborigines in a bomb crater after one of the tests in the outback of South Australia. The allegations were contained in a report in Saturday's *Adelaide Advertiser* newspaper.

Mr Bannon also said that he would be writing to Mr Neil Kinnock, the British Opposition leader, asking him to press for the release of records on testing at Maralinga. He *decided to do so because the* response he had received from Sir John Mason, the British High Commissioner in Canberra, had been inadequate.

Mr Bannon also revealed that the federal Government was involved in talks with Whitehall to try to get more information on the tests.

Yesterday, Aborigines at Yalata, in the far north-west of South Australia, announced that they planned to seek compensation from both the British and Australian governments for damages and the alleged ill-effect of radiation caused by the the atomic tests at *Maralinga.*

The Aborigines in the Maralinga area were moved to Yalata before Britain began its test programme. However, they recently gained freehold title to the test site with the passing the South Australian Parliament of *the Maralinga Land Rights Bill.*

The allegations which sparked this latest row over Britain's atomic tests in Australia were made by Mr John Burke, aged 63. He said in the interview with the *Adelaide Advertiser* that the 1963 tests – three of them altogether – were carried out in secret. He found, he said, a number of animals *deformed after the tests.*

Little was known about the three tests, which were carried out in May and June 1963, until now. Earlier British tests are *better documented because they* took place more than 30 years ago, and documents concerning them have been available under the 30-year rule.

The Australian Federal Department of Resources and Energy has confirmed that there were "minor" atomic tests at Maralinga in 1963. A spokesman for the department said that there were perhaps five "minor trials", but that they were nowhere near the scale of the earlier tests and any fall-out would have been limited.

Mr Burke's claims come close on the heels of another report concerning British atomic tests *in Australia alleging* that fallout from tests in 1953 may have contaminated wide areas of eastern Australia.

Last week, it was revealed that tests taken at the town water supply treatment plant of Wagga, in southern New South *Wales in 1953, after two atomic* tests at Emu plains in South Australia, about 950 miles to the west, showed that a *significant amount of radioac*tivity entered the water and remained for some time.

The Wagga tests, carried out by the head of a company supplying and building water treatment plants, conflict with the offical report that any fallout beyond the immediate test area was negligable.

Mr Burke claims that he has received several anonymous telephone calls telling him to keep quiet but had decided to speak out because he was dying of stomach cancer. He claims his cancer is a direct result of his exposure to radiation in 1963.

Mr Burke said that after one of the 1963 explosions he spent three days in hospital with burns, his legs "glowing in the dark." He was about a mile and a half from the detonation site of two of the three tests and was *wearing only shorts and a shirt.*

Managua accuses church of collusion

From Alan Tomlinson
Managua

The customarily strained relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the leftist Sandinista Government in Nicaragua have reacehd a new low following the publication by the country's bishops of a pastoral letter calling for dialogue and reconciliation with American-backed rebels.

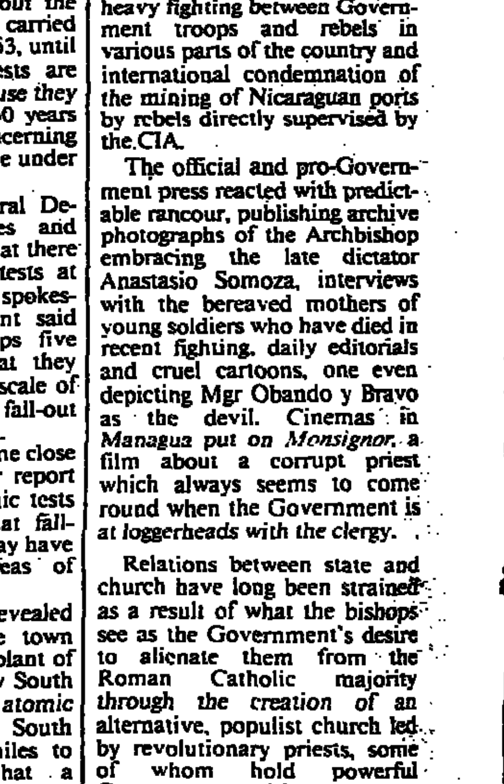
Government leaders have reacted by accusing the Church hierarchy of a calculated attempt to destroy Nicaraguan unity at a time when the Central Intelligence Agency-sponsored Contras are engaged in one of their bloodiest offensives to date.

Commandante Daniel Ortega, coordinator of the governing junta, said publication of the letter was "calculated, thought out and oriented by the CIA".

"We don't doubt that some of these bishops have received *directions from the American* Embassy in Managua," he told a public meeting in the capital.

The letter, signed by the Archbishop of Managua, Mgr Miguel Obando y Bravo, and seven other bishops, called for reconciliation and dialogue "in which all Nicaraguans inside and outside the country must participate without discrimination."

It added: "Furthermore, we believe that Nicaraguans who have taken up arms against the Government must also take part in this dialogue, without which there will be no possibility of a settlement and our people, particularly the poorest, will go on suffering and dying."



The effect was explosive, coming as it did in the midst of heavy fighting between Government troops and rebels in various parts of the country and international condemnation of the mining of Nicaraguan ports by rebels directly supervised by the CIA.

The official and pro-Government press reacted with predictable rancour, publishing archive photographs of the Archbishop embracing the late dictator Anastasio Somoza, interviews with the bereaved mothers of young soldiers who have died in recent fighting, daily editorials and cruel cartoons, one even depicting Mgr Obando y Bravo as the devil. Cinemas in *Managua put on Monsignor,* a film about a corrupt priest which always seems to come round when the Government is *at loggerheads with the clergy.*

Relations between state and church have long been strained as a result of what the bishops see as the Government's desire to alienate them from the Roman Catholic majority *through the creation of* an alternative, populist church led by revolutionary priests, some of whom hold powerful *Government* positions.

Through his frequent hostile homilies, Archbishop Obndo y Bravo has assumed the status of a leading spokesman against the Government, which censors traditional opposition mouthpieces, ostensibly as a result of the security situation.

Señor Ortega accused the bishops of being "false prophets, dishonest and unchristian". He said their letter was neither ingenuous nor innocent but "totally orchestrated with the actions of right-wing parties who plan to abstain from the elections and some capitalists who have taken positions against the revolution": what he called "the Quisling minority".

Another junta member, Señor Sergio Ramirez, described the letter as "another mine planted in Nicaragua . . . aimed at destroying unity and *confusing the people".*

● **NEW YORK:** Fewer than one-third of Americans questioned in a new opinion poll support President Reagan's policies in Central America, and nearly half the people fear those policies might lead the nation into war, according to a poll released yesterday (Reuter reports).

Of 1,367 adults surveyed by *The New York Times*-CBS News poll and published in *The New York Times'* Sunday edition, just 30 per cent said they approved of Mr Reagan's Central American policy.

Asked for an overall assessment of how the President is conducting foreign policy, Americans were split. Forty-three per cent said they approved and 43 per cent disapproved.

Architects stage festival to mark 150 years

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

An eight-month celebration of the art of architecture will be launched *today* by the Royal Institute of British Architects to mark its 150th anniversary this year.

Hundreds *of events in the* first national festival of architecture, will be staged throughout Britian in an attempt to *involve as many members of* the public as possible.

The institute's 80 branches and 22,000 members have planned an ambitious programme of exhibitions, lectures, concerts, competitions, films, opening of buildings normally closed to the public, and the flood lighting of important works of architecture. *It ends* with a float in the Lord Mayor's Show and a party at the institute's headquarters in Portland Place, Central London, which was built as a result of a hundreth anniversary design competition won by G Grey Wornum.

The most spectacular event will be a £40,000 royal gala evening at Hampton Court Palace on May 30, when the Prince of Wales will award the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture for 1984 to an Indian architect, Mr Charles Correa. The award is being given for his contribution to Third World housing.

A masque called *Britannia Preserv'd,* commissioned from A N Wilson, the author, and Stephen Oliver, the composer and musical director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, will be performed for the first time at the gala in front of 700 guests. Its theme is "The glorious achievements of British architecture".

The institute will be throwing open its doors to the public *from May 19 to 26 in an effort* to "demystify architecture". Guest speakers will include Mr Richard Ingrams, editor of *Private Eye,* Magnus Pyke and Mr Norman St John-Stevas, the Conservative MP.

A series of concerts will be performed in 10 houses designed by Robert Adam, including Kenwood House in Hampstead, and Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire.

A Special Report on Architecture will be published with *The Times* on May 18. Further details of the anniversary events may be obtained from the festival office at: 66 Portland Place, London W1N 4AD. Telephone: 01-580 5533.

Mr St John-Stevas: Guest lecturer

Five wise men try to end split among Sikhs

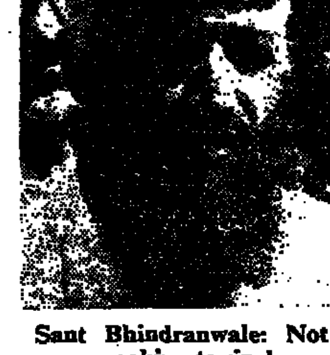
From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Five wise men, the high priests of the Akal Takht, the seat of immortal power of the Sikh religion, have been called in to attempt to settle the rift that has appeared between the feuding holy men of the Sikh agitation in Punjab.

Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, the President of the Sikh party, the Akali Dal, and dictator of the *Morcha,* as the agitation is known, was bitterly criticized by a group of militants, *who stormed* out of a four-hour meeting called to discuss the future of the Morcha.

They marched to the premises occupied by the extremist leader Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, and pledged their loyalty to him. With the split in the Akali party now out in the open, Sant Longowal offered to sacrifice his position and resign "for the sake of the unity and glory of the Sikh *Panth* (religious community)."

But the next day, when tempers had cooled, the split was described by Sant Longowal as not a split at all. All that had happened was that a splinter group of Akalis, followers of another extremist, Mr Jagdev Singh Talwandi, had walked out. They had never really been supporters of the Akali line, and their disappearance left the party and its directorate intact.



Sant Bhindranwale: Not *speaking to rival*

Sant Bhindranwale, meanwhile, announced that he would not be setting up any rival group and would continue to support the *Morcha.* But, he added, he would not be speaking to Sant Longowal again.

Giani Kirpal Singh, the chief priest of the Akal Takht, has held several rounds of talks to try to work out a solution.

He is being pressed to issue a *Hukamnama,* a commandment, which since it emanates from the highest religious and political authority in Sikhdom, must be accepted by all Sikhs. The Giani is, however, reported to be reluctant to do so, but may issue a joint appeal from all five priests asking all Sikh leaders to sink their differences.

The chances are, however, that this would be of very little effect.

Gandhi's party sweeps to power comfortably in Christian Mizoram

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Indian newspapers commented yesterday that only "relatively minor incidents" marked last week's elections in Mizoram. One candidate was killed necessitating the postponement of voting in his consituency. and on polling day a police reservist was shot dead by people determined to boycott the polls.

By Indian electoral standards these could be counted as minor, but the most surprising aspect of the election was the result. Mrs Indira Gandhi's Congress Party was swept into power with an overall majority. Of the 29 seats contested the Mizoram Congress Cimmittee (I) had yesterday won 17. Only two more seats from country areas have yet to be declared.

Mizoram is one of the seven north-eastern states which were carved out of Assam in the 1960s and 1970s. It hangs at Assam's southern tip, pointing towards the Bay of Bengal, bordered by Bangladesh and Burma. It is not a fully-fledged state, but a union territory, and technically ruled from Delhi, but it has been allowed its own legislature.

It is a district of hills, and valleys, polulated by Mongloid tribes people. It was annexed by the British after the tribesmen started making a nuisance of themselves in the late 1880s, joined to Assam as the Lushia Hills district, and promptly ignored, except by Christian missionaries.

It was ignored after independence by the government of Assam, until the great famine of 1959, caused by the flowering of the bamboo. (The bamboo flowers only once every 40 or 50 years. When it does the rats gorge on bamboo seeds, and enjoy a population explosion of *immense proportions.* They then destroy all crops.

The smouldering discontent of the tribes broke out into open rebellion in the mid-1960s, and was put down with great force by the Indian army, which copying the British example in the Malaya insurgency, set up group villages to confine the local inhabitants

Since the district's incorporation as a union territory the insurrection has gradually died down. The Mizo National Front is still a force, and has up to 500 men under arms, mostly in Bangladesh. The MNF leader, Mr Lal Denga, resides in gentle exile in Surrey.

Retired Brigadier-General Thenphunga Sailo began a civil rights association attacking the Army for its atrocities, and the irony of an army man attacking the hand that used to feed him turned him into a popular hero, his association into a political party – the People's Conference – and eventually the retired brigadier into the Chief Minister.

But the wheel of politics has now turned against Brigadier Sailo. Allegations of corruption against his government have begun to stick, promises of aid, in cash and benefits from the central Government, have lured the electorate away.

Though it is obviously a good result for Mrs Gandhi, who herself took a whirl wind campaigning tour through the territory last week, one should beware of reading too much of a forecast of future electoral success into it. The total population of the territory is under half a million, not much larger than many single-member constituencies in some states, and the people are largely musical, Christian and volatile – "a guitar, a girl and a gun" was the young Mizo male's motto – and very different from the largely Hindu India to their west.



These boots are made for running: Senator Gary Hart with a pair of cowboy boots cum running shoes presented to him on a television show in Nashville, Tennessee.

El Salvador elections

Business fears Duarte victory

*As El Salvador prepares for the final stage of its presidential election, **John Carlin**, in the first of two articles, looks at the fears of the business community.*

Resentment runs deep in the Salvadorean private sector towards Señor Napoleon Duarte, the probable next President of El Salvador. Businessmen feel that he betrayed them when he was a member, and then President of a governing junta from 1980 to 1982.

The private sector say they had made a deal with Señor Duarte before he joined the junta in March 1980 as to how the economy would be run. "When he entered the Government he made a 180 degree turn", Señor Mario Valiente, Director-General of the American Chamber of Commerce in El Salvador, said. "From then on it was war, real war."

The Duarte junta instituted an agrarian reform programme under which all landholdings over 500 hectares were expropriated and transformed into cooperatives. It also nationalized the banks.

The measures were considered laughably insignificant by the left but to the right they represented a body blow which they still hold as an example of Señor Duarte's erratic "communist" tendencies.

A pre-electoral accord Señor Duarte made with the Salvadorean unions provides further grounds for private sector anxiety over the future if he wins next Sunday's run-off election.

"A lot of people are scared to death of a Duarte victory", says Señor Juan Vicente Maldonado, president of the National Private Enterprise Association (ANEP), the symbol of private sector power in El Salvador.

The Anep membership, which brings together all branches of Salvadorean business from the traditional coffee-growing sector – accounting for one-third of the country's economy – to light industry, is



virtually 100 per cent behind the implacable Major Roberto d'Aubuisson in the election.

Major d'Aubuisson is first and foremost the defender of private enterprise. He could be relied on to check any "progressive" economic reform, to stunt whatever land reforms have already become law, and to try and create the conditions for a return to the not long gone days when 2 per cent of the population owned 90 per cent of El Salvador's wealth.

But Señor Duarte is the man the private sector is talking about these days, many of them having bowed before the apparent certainty of his triumph on Sunday. "Duarte has this facile Robin Hood notion that you can solve society's problems by taking away from the rich and giving to the poor," Señor Maldonado said.

The private sector feels that Señor Duarte is beyond persuasion. "He thinks he is the Messiah," says Señor Roberto Llach, a coffee magnate.

Many businessmen fear that Señor Duarte, possessed of a sense of retribute justice, will destroy the country's traditional economic hierarchy.

The war with Señor Duarte which Seór Valiente talks of has been limited to words so far. "There is no private enterprise in El Salvador," Señor Duarte has gone on record as saying "only rich assassins".

Señor Duarte appears to have little doubt as to where the inspiration lay for an atrocious wave of human rights violations which accompanied the junta's reforms in 1980 and 1981.

It is not only in economic matters that the private sector anticipates disaster under Señor Duarte. Many are convinced – though it is patently absurd – that Señor Duarte is a member of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, (FMLN). More plausibly, others believe he will negotiate with the FMLN guerrillas once in power.

"That's the worst thing that could happen," says Señor Valiente. "It would be opening the doors to thieves. Look at Nicaragua."

Private sector money has begun to leave the country since Señor Duarte's first round electoral victory in March. The chances are there will be an avalanche of capital out of the country if Señor Duarte secures victory this Sunday.

Tomorrow, the union view.

Swiss males reject women's lib

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

Tradition has defiantly reasserted itself at the annual open air parliament of the Swiss half canton of Appenzell Outer Rhodes, held in the square at the hill top town of Trogen yesterday.

Male voters sporting ceremonial swords – "only those who carry arms have the right to vote" – decided by a show of hands on mundane matters such as new by-laws and the budget. They were also asked to give their verdict on a Social Democratic Party proposal for a referendum in which both sexes would decide whether women would take their place with men in the assembly itself.

But counting the votes was not necessary. Hands raised in favour of a referendum were like a spinney compared to the forest of those against.

This was the fifth time in the 14 years since Swiss women gained the right to vote in federal affairs that Appenzell Outer Rhodes has asserted opposition to changing an institution it regards as "the purest form of direct democracy".

"At the assembly", said one man, "there's this tremendous gut feeling of community." Some of the women, lining the square as spectators, admitted to being torn between contemporary ideas of equality and deep attachment to tradition.

Briton is found dead in Sudan

From Gill Lusk
Khartoum

The British employee of an American surveying firm has been killed by armed attackers in southern Sudan. Mr Evan Jones, aged 39, was driving from Bor, provincial capital of strife-torn Jonglei province, to a camp 56 miles to the north when his Land-Rover was held up at gunpoint around midday on Thursday.

After extensive searches by police, his body was discovered on Saturday in thick bush near the site of the hold-up, 12 miles north of Bor. Police were yesterday holding a Sudanese worker who was accompanying him.

The Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), which is very active in the region, is understood to have denied involvement. There are indications that former colleagues with a grudge may have been involved.

The killing took palce only two days after Mr Jones's company, Geosource, had started a seismic survey for the French oil company, Total.

Another Fench company, Chevron, stopped all operations in southern Sudan in February after the killing, probably by rebels, of three foreign workers. This has already delayed Sudan's petroleum export hopes by 18 months.

However, Total returned to work last week against the advice of other overseas companies

Peron invited home for talks with Alfonsín

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – The opposition Perónist Party has invited its leader, Señor Maira Estela Maritinez de Perón, to return to Argentina from Spain for political talks with the government led by President Raúl Alfonsin.

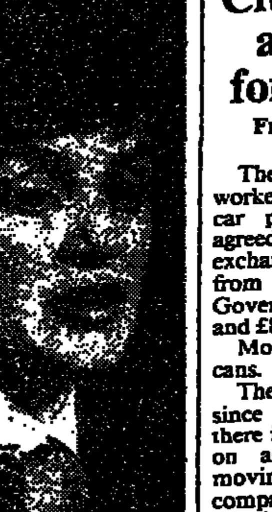
The Government said Señor Alfonsin's talks with opposition parties would begin on May 7. It said he would first meet leaders of the Peronist Party, the main opposition

The talks are aimed at reaching an agreement with all the nation's representative forces on a global strategy for national recovery, a government source said.

Señora Perón, who was President from 1974 to 1976, has been living in Spain since 1982. She returned in December only to attend Señor Alfonsin's inauguration, which brought an end to the military government that toppled her from power

The Peronist Party, which had been the nation's dominant political force over the last 40 years, still has virtual control of the upper house of Congress and the powerful union movement.

Government sources said Peronist support is needed for the success of Señor Alfonsin's efforts to renegotiate Argentina's $43.6bn (£30bn) foreign debt.



Woman law chief: Carol Dinkins, aged 38, is to be America's first woman deputy Attorney-General. She will run the Justice Departments' day-to-day affairs.

Citroen workers accept terms for repatriation

From Our Correspondent
Paris

The first group of immigrant workers from the main Citroen car plant outside Paris has agreed to return home in exchange for cash payments from the company and the Government of between £5,200 and £8,600 each.

Most of the 409 are Moroccans.

The French car industry has since suffered recession and there is less need of strong arms on assembly lines that are moving over to robots. The car companies want thousands of the immigrants to return

Citroen, which wants to lay off 1,700 of the 4,000 immigrants it employs near Paris, recently suggested a figure of £5,200, half from various government grants and the rest from the company. It had almost no takers and the final sum for the 409 men will probably be a few thousand pounds more.

Renault is being more generous – a total package of £8,600, plus a cheap car or a tractor in some cases.

Israeli censor suspends paper for reports on death of bus hijackers

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The struggle between sections of the Israeli press and the country's strict military censorship rules intensified yesterday, when the Supreme Court rejected an appeal by the new tabloid daily *Hadeshot* (news) against an order by the chief censor requiring its closure for four days.

The closing of the paper was one of the severest moves ordered against a Jewish as opposed to an Arab-owned publication here for more than 15 years and reflected the Government's anger over continuing disclosures concerning the mystery surrounding the deaths of two of the four Palestinians who hijacked a bus on April 13. There has been growing speculation that they may have been captured alive and later killed by Israeli security men or soldiers.

The chief cenor's harsh measures were ordered last week after the Tel Aviv-based paper (which is owned by the publishers of *Ha'aretz*, Israel's most respected daily defied censorship and disclosed that Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, had set up a committee of inquiry chaired by a retired general to determine the fate of the two hijackers, one of whom was photographed leaving the bus alive.

Last night, the paper's lawyers were still looking for legal ways of sidestepping the order to close the printing plant, but without optimism. Because of a last-minute decision by a Supreme Court judge to permit the unsuccessful appeal, the paper will effectively be off the streets for only three days, as it put out an edition yesterday before the hearing took place.

Unlike all other Israel daily papers, *Hadeshot*, – the country's newest and most brash newspaper – is not a member of the Editors' Committee, which operates a voluntary form of censorship in cooperation with the government.

The action against it was taken under the Israeli censorship law, which is based on Draconian emergency regulations originally drafted by the British in 1945 during the mandate. Although the closure of the paper's press and the launching of a police inquiry are almost unprecedented in Israel, they are relatively moderate steps compared with what the law permits.

The appointment of the Defence Ministry investigation took place last Thursday and represented a dramatic change of heart by Mr Arens.

It had been made known to editors who sit on the committee. It is understood that the other papers were reluctantly persuaded by Mr Arens not to release any news about the inquiry because of the risk which could be posed to Israeli prisoners still in the hands of Palestinian splinter groups.

The most crucial piece of evidence likely to go before the committee of inquiry is, ironically, a photograph taken by a *Hadeshot* photographer showing Mr Majdi Abu Jumes, aged 18, being led away, apparently alive and well, by two security men. It has never been published here because of the censor's orders, but the Government suspects the paper of having leaked its existence to the foreign media, which subsequently covered the growing scandal in great detail.

The order to close a Jewish-owned paper has only been taken a handful of times in the country's history and its use in this case has sent shock waves through the journalistic community.

"When the police arrived at our office on Friday, it was hard for us to believe," said one senior *Hadeshot* executive, who did not want his name used. "We know this sort of thing happens in Latin American countries, but we did not expect it here."

How the military vets journalists

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

Military censorship in Israel is imposed both on the total of more than 100 foreign journalists based in the country and the local media, including the state-controlled radio and broadcasting company. In practice, it has often tended to be imposed more strictly on Israeli reporters except at such times as the country at war.

All foreign journalists sign a form on receiving government press accreditation (vital for covering many important stories) that they will submit any copy of a security nature for scrutiny at the censor's offices in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv before it is sent abroad.

To back up the system, it is impossible to send a press telex through the central Post Office without a censor's stamp on every sheet, and members of the censor's department have admitted that foreign journalists' phones have been tapped

For the Israelis, censorship for most papers is administered by an editors' committee, working on a gentleman's agreement in which briefings are given by government ministers and requests not to publish certain items submitted. Other stories are submitted to the military censor in the normal way and infractions are dealt with in the first instance by an internal tribunal.

Lebanese cabinet still not named

Beirut (Reuter) – Lebanese armed groups fired at each other across the front lines in Beirut intermittently as attempts to form a government of national unity marked time yesterday.

The shooting broke out in mid-morning between Muslim militias in the west and the Lebanese Army and Christian forces in the east.

Grenades, machine guns and automatic rifles were used but the fighting was not as heavy as on Saturday, when two people were killed and more than 20 wounded.

The Prime Minister-designate, Mr Rashid Karami, was at home in the northern city of Tripoli. He flew there after two days of apparently inconclusive parliamentary consultations on the shape of the government President Amin Gemayel had asked him to form.

Mr Karami declined to say when he would be able to announce the list of ministers.

● **Aide resigns:** A top aide to President Gemayel, Mr Wadih Haddad, has resigned (AFP reports). His departure and replacement by Mr Jean Obeid, who is on good terms with the Syrians, was seen as a new sign of the demise of United States influence on Lebanese policy, following the pullout of the Marines.

Mr Haddad, aged 43, was Mr Gemayel's adviser on national security matters for nearly two years and the champion of United States policy in Lebanon. He was also a prominent right-wing Christian.

Mr Haddad was charged with all contacts with the Americans and he finally became the target of criticism from both opponents and supporters of Mr Gemayel.

● **TEL AVIV:** The Israeli Army said yesterday that soldiers had shot dead two guerrillas caught attempting to plant a roadside bomb near the south Lebanese village of Ansariya (Reuter reports).



Italian triumph: Michele Alboreto of Italy on the podium yesterday after winning the Belgian Grand Prix in Zolder in a Ferrari. Race report, page 22

Experts fail to find substitute for war

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Jurists and diplomats from 35 countries of East and West Europe, as well as from the United States and Canada, after meeting in Athens for the past five weeks, have had to admit that they failed to devise a generally acceptable method for the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

They are holding a closing session today to formalize the fiasco and release the text of their 28-line final report approved on Saturday.

The meeting was in response to a mandate from the Madrid meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and was a sequel to the abortive Montreux meeting of 1978. The results in Athens were just as negative, but the climate was said to have improved perceptibly, especially between the US and the Soviet Union.

Malaysia's new King warns his Premier

From M. G. G. Pillai
Kuala Lampur

Malaysia's new King, Sultan Iskandar of Johore, has, within hours of being sworn in, told Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir the Mohamad, the Prime Minister, and his ministers that "You have to learn to live with me now".

The Government has reason to fear a confrontation with the independent-minded king whose likes and dislikes, unlike those of his predecessors, are not necessarily those of the administration.

He has refused to stay in the official palace, at least for the time being; decided to give away his £15,000 federal monthly allowance to a foundation he is setting up and he has swept away 27 years of court protocol – anything that did not fit in with his view of what it ought to be.

What makes for the difficult relationship is that Sultan Iskandar knows that a reported statement of his panicked Dr Mahathir and Datuk Musa Hitam, his deputy, into wanting to reduce the ruler's powers, and brought about last year's constitutional crisis. But he has since made his peace with the Prime Minister.

But other problems loom: The King has insisted that the two government executive jets be used only with his permission. The Government is unwilling to concede, but it is not clear if it would want a confrontation on this just yet.

His opposition to Datuk Musa, whom he has publicly accused of *lse majest*, dates from the constitutional crisis. The King did not want him in the receiving line when he was installed last week and Datuk Musa was there only because the Cabinet insisted on it.

"Some people accuse me publicly and apologize in private", the King told a lunch meeting at the palace last week, in an obvious reference to Datuk Musa, who comes from Johore. "But I want a public apology, with the press reporting it prominently."

Part of the problem derives from the belief earlier this year that Sultan Iskandar would not be elected king – the front-runner, Sultan Idris Shah of Perak, died a fortnight before the election.

The ruling party, officially, has not welcomed his election and the relationship remains strained, although it is improving.

Nuclear blast

Kiel (Reuter) – A weekend explosion blew the metal legs from a 130ft pylon carrying electricity to the Brokdorf nuclear plant site. The uncompleted plant near Kiel has been the target of protests from nuclear power opponents.

Statue of female Christ removed

New York – A bronze statue of a crucified woman by the sculptress Edwina Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill, has been removed from the Cathedral of St John the Divine in Manhattan. In the short time it was on exhibition, it was the subject of considerable controversy, (Trevor Fishlock writes).

"It is theologically and historically indefensible," the Right Rev Walter Dennis, Episcopal Suffragan Bishop of New York, said. He was shocked by the 4ft bronze figure, entitled Christa, and thought it a desecration.

However, the Very Rev James Parks Morton, Dean of the cathedral, sides with those who day it makes the point that God acted through Christ to save all people, regardless of race and sex, and that the female figure is an allusion to the mystical body of Christ transcending sex.

Art theft

New York (AFP) – Three armed men made off with a $100,000 (£69,000) haul of modern art form New York's Christie's Contemporary Galery at the weekend. Stolen works included numbered prints signed by David Hockney and Henry Moore and sculptures by Deborah Stern, Malcolm Woodward and Lynn Chadwick.

Mondale boost

New York (Reuter) – Black Democratic voters prefer Mr Walter Mondale to the Rev Jesse Jackson as the party's presidential nominee, according to a weekend Gallup poll for *Newsweek*.

Flights resume

Cairo (AFP). – Egypt and Libya have agreed to resume flights between the two countries after a five-year break, *Al Ahram* reported yesterday. Weekly flights will start soon between Cairo and Tripoli and Cairo and Benghazi.

Death sentences

Ankara (Reuter) – Seven people have been sentenced to death in a trial of 72 alleged left-wing militants accused of 10 political murders and other armed offences in southern Turkey before the 1980 military coup.

Hirohito is 83

Tokyo (Reuter) – Emperor Hirohito yesterday celebrated his eighty-third birthday. He told cheering well-wishers from the veranda of the Imperial Palace that he was pleased to see them and wished them happiness.

Row halts Grenada inquiry

From Jeremy Taylor
Port of Spain

Grenada's second attempt to begin a preliminary inquiry into charges against 20 political and military personnel of the overthrown revolutionary government ground to a halt last week after a six-hour courtroom wrangle.

Several of those charged – they include the former Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard and the leader of the brief and ill-fated revolutionary military council, General Hudson Austin – said that "tremendous obstacles" had been placed in the way of their attempts to obtain adequate defence counsel by both the invading forces and the interim government.

Only six of the 20 have counsel. The British Queen's Counsel, Lord Gifford, who was retained to defend Mr Coard and his wife, was barred in February from appearing in court under regulations decreed by the revolutionary council

Two Guyanese defence counsel, Edward and Lloyd Luckhoo, sent word that they were ill. The Jamaican lawyer who has been seeking counsel for most of the accused, Jacqueline Samuels-Brown, said she was representing only four.

Several of those charged also claimed in statements to the court that they had been tortured in prison and challenged the legality of the American intervention last October and the interim government that was established in its wake. Magistrate Lyle St Paul replied that that was a matter for the international courts.

The 20 are charged with murder and conspiracy to murder in connexion with the killing of the former Prime Minister, Maurice Bishop, some of his key supporters and an as yet unconfirmed number of Grenadians.



Watford family killed in Normandy car crash

Police survey the wreckage of a car in which a British family of four died near Le Havre in Normandy.

Seven people were killed in the crash on Easter night. The Britons were Carl Antony Hadley, aged 47, a printers' manager from Watford, his wife, Pamela, and their two children, Ruth, aged 16, and Rachel, aged 12.

The accident occurred on the road between Harfleur and the Tancarville bridge that spans the mouth of the Seine when a car collided with the Hadleys' Ford Cortina.

Both cars burst into flames killing all the occupants, including two policemen from Paris riding with the driver of the other car, a docker from Le Havre.

Soviet scoop on space beings

From Richard Owen Moscow

As Russians began preparations in earnest over the weekend for tomorrow's May Day celebrations a Soviet astronomer revealed that world peace and the "bright future" promised by Soviet communism may be brought about not by earthly efforts but by beings from outer space, who are already trying to get in touch with us by intergalactic telephone.

The news that we are not alone was broken in the newspaper *Moscow News* by Dr Boris Fesenko, who believes that the gently pulsing and glowing nebula, known as NGC 6543, is not merely a ball of greenish gas with a white hot core but also a signal from extra-terrestrial beings. Since the nebula is all of 1,000 light years from here it will take time for the signals to reach us, but Dr Fesenko is firmly convinced that we will receive them.

NGC 6543, he wrote, had obviously been designed by intelligent beings who, looking down on our small planet, could foresee that towards the end of the twentieth century man would enter the technological age and be in a position to receive a message from superior civilizations.

Dr Fesenkø is rather vaguer about what the "supreme intellect" is trying to tell us. The first signal we receive may not contain information at all, and may be merely a sign that "we are not alone, someone knows about us".

But we can rest assured, it seems, that the beings who have watched over us for thousands of years, sharing our sorrows and rejoicing in our triumphs, have only benevolent intentions. They may even be able to "diminish the danger of a nuclear catastrophe on Earth".

It is possible, Dr Fesenk argues, that life originates "in different places at different moments in time," so that older civilizations are able to protect newer ones from self-destruction and show them the way ahead. "NGC 6543 cannot be seen by the naked eye", he wrote, "but I believe it forebodes the possibility of a brilliant future for our descendents."

Just in case anyone takes the Fesenk theses too seriously, however, *Moscow News* printed two sceptical views by fellow Soviet astronomers. Both agreed that the position of the nebula in relation to Earth was a remarkable coincidence, placing it almost exactly at the pole of the Earth's orbit.

But the sceptics concluded that although Dr Fesenk's theory was "elegant and attractive", it was difficult to believe – not to say presumptious to suppose – that NGC 6543 was a "beacon from a higher civilization."

It was equally fallacious, one of the astronomers remarked, to suppose that older galactic civilizations wished us well. They might have acquired "gigantic reserves of nuclear fuel" over the light years and needed somewhere to dump and destroy them, choosing the Earth's pole as a handy "proving ground".

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THE HOSPITALS

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Moscow offers hope of détente

From Richard Owen
Moscow

President Chernenko said yesterday that confrontation in East-West relations could be turned into detente, but that the Soviet Union would "keep its gunpowder dry" in case the forces of Western imperialism proved stronger than communism.

Speaking to workers at the giant Hammer and Sickle foundery in Moscow, Mr Chernenko said Moscow was "ready for dialogue", but a reduction in nuclear arms meant a "really mutual reduction. If the United States and Nato go to it, there will be no lack of cooperation on our part."

In an article which coincided with Mr Chernenko's remarks, *Pravda* yesterday said the Kremlin was "ready to hold serious negotiations with any American president, even the incumbent one". It was not true that Moscow was blocking progress until the November election in the hope that Mr Reagan seen in Moscow as the arch-enemy of communism – would be defeated.

Mr Chernenko, who since coming to power has insisted that Nato must withdraw its new missiles from Europe before arms talks resume, said that as long as the "nuclear missile danger" was hanging over Russia "our gunpowder must be kept dry".

"We must always be on our guard so that the correlation of forces does not change in favour of imperialism and we turn out to be weaker".

Last week Mr Chernenko said the new party programme to be adopted in 1986 would assume the eventual victory of world communism by peaceful means, but gave no target date.

Neither did he give a date for the achievement of "full communism" in Russia.

Yesterday Mr Chernenko thanked "thousands of Soviet patriots" for offering to work longer hours and set up a national defence fund. Russia's economic and defence capabilities were adequate, although "far from everything has been done" to supply the population with food and consumer goods.

Mr Chernenko is to appear on Red Square tomorrow for the May Day celebrations.

In yesterday's speech at the Hammer and Sickle works he said his visit was part of Lenin's tradition of direct communication with the working people.

Andropov only made one factory visit during his 18 months in office, an occasion which backfired when he asked a worker how much he earned and was told the man was officially retired but enjoyed wages far above the legal norm.

On Saturday Mr Chernenko reiterated his tougher line towards the West in talks with Mr Harilaos Florakis, leader of the Pro-Moscow Communsit Party of Greece (KKE).

He said Washington was using nuclear missiles and space weapons to try to gain superiority over Russia.

●Thatcher accused: Tass said yesterday that the Conservative government had been on the offensive against working people's rights since it was first elected five years ago (Reuter reports).

In a statement marking her fifth anniversary in power, Mrs Thatcher had said she was looking forward to the tasks for the next five years and "beyond".

Tass said: "All these years they have been on the offensive against the social and economic rights of the working people." Mrs Thatcher's statement tried to portray a rosy picture of the British economy, but unemployment had more than doubled under her administration. "Nevertheless, the Prime Minister did not suggest any radical measure which could really help the British working people to get rid of the hard consequences of the Conservatives' socio-economic policy".


Order of merit: Portraits of Politburo members go up on a Moscow street alongside that of Lenin. President Chernenko takes pride of place ahead of Geidar Aliev and Vitaly Vorotnikov

Reagan visit used in Peking power game

From David Bonavia, Peking

President Reagan's visit to China has so far provided the occasion for some brilliant diplomacy on the Chinese side, but the benefits for the Americans seem to be mainly confined to Mr Reagan's election-year image.

Whereas Mr Reagan has performed with one eye on the elections, the Chinese leaders have used the visit to consolidate their domestic image and strengthen their hand in the internal power game.

The pomp and circumstance surrounding President and Mrs Reagan's visit has masked the start of a series of frontal assaults on entrenched leftist officials in the Chinese provinces, using special investigating teams sent out by the Communist Party's Central Committee.

Since this internal conflict is reflected all the way up to the Politburo, it is useful for Mr Deng Xiaoping, the elder statesman, and Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, to show they are strong enough to manipulate Mr Reagan's presence and demonstrate their sophistication in international affairs.

The key issue remains Taiwan, and yet it is the one least likely to be tackled firmly before the end of the century. Mr Deng told President Reagan on Saturday that the United States "should not interfere" in the process of reunifying China, and Mr Reagan could only concur. But the Chinese argue that continued supply of arms to the Kuomintang regime on the island constitutes precisely such interference.

While Mrs Reagan has busied herself with pandas and kindergartens, the President has not succeeded in reaching out to the Chinese people as was his aim. There is American vexation that the "censoring" of some of his public statements is only the tip of an iceberg of Chinese refusal to be talked down or talked down to.

Mr Reagan was perhaps the first Western leader to come here and talk publicly about his country's commitment to God and religion, and that was what the Chinese people were not permitted to hear, however little damage it could have done to China's security. They were also deprived of his nuggets on the primacy of free enterprise in economic development.

As regards international relations, these are fairly neatly divided into issues on which China and the United States see broadly eye-to-eye, and those over which China is critical of the Americans (for the Americans' own good, as well as the good of the world, the Chinese argue).

Problems like the Middle East and Central America are spheres in which China considers the United States is playing into the hands of the Soviet Union, by backing unjust or losing causes. In this, as an American official observed, they are in agreement with many of American's friends in Nato

As to the big problems in China's backyard – Vietnam, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Korea – there is a felicitous harmony of view, except concerning Korea. But the will to seek a solution to the Korean problem is there on both sides.

The Chinese can offer tangible help by sponsoring a conference on Chinese soil aimed at defusing the conflict. But the Americans are not yet ready to take part, as the North Koreans insist they must, unless China is also involved.

China has drawn considerable, tangible benefits from its relationship with the US in the formalization of American agreement to sell nuclear technology for peaceful uses, as well as some forms of military equipment and high technology for civilian use.

● Arms issue: The sale of US defensive weapons to China has been discussed during Mr Reagan's Peking visit, Mr Larry Speakes, the White House press secretary said in Peking. The Chinese are interested in advanced anti-tank and anti-aircraft systems and radar. Such sales would be the first of American weapons to communist China.

Pope's eyes are fixed on China's 1,000m souls

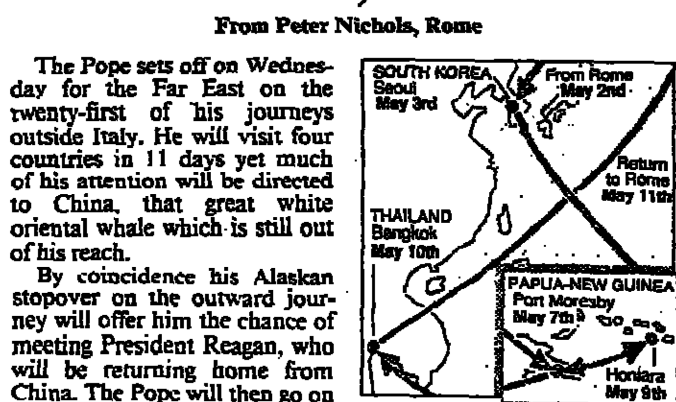
From Peter Nichols, Rome

The Pope sets off on Wednesday for the Far East on the twenty-first of his journeys outside Italy. He will visit four countries in 11 days yet much of his attention will be directed to China, that great white oriental whale which is still out of his reach.

By coincidence his Alaskan stopover on the outward journey will offer him the chance of meeting President Reagan, who will be returning home from China. The Pope will then go on to spend four days in South Korea, the highmark of the whole tour. He will pay tribute to the remarkably fast growth of Korean Roman Catholicsm by presiding over the canonisation of 103 martyrs of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

After Korea, the Pope will spend two days in Papua-New Guinea, a day in the Solomon Islands and 34 hours in Thailand.

Linguistically, the pope will distinguish himself both in Seoul, where he will say mass in Korean, and in Papua New Guinea where he is expected to celebrate in Pidgin English.



Before leaving Thailand he will address bishops from Malaysia, Burma and Singapore as well as from Thailand itself. Here no doubt he will feel most strongly the absence of a Chinese presence.

Those 1000m souls remain a great fascination for the Vatican. And this despite the fact that diplomats from the Far East have tried to convince the Pope that the attraction is in no way mutual, that China is not interested in better relations with Rome or of a stronger Church in China owing some form of allegiance to Rome.

Lyubimov deserted by singers

From John Earle
Rome

Mr Yuri Lyubimov, the exiled former director of Moscow's Taganka Theatre, has been deserted by the baritone, the soprano and the orchestra conductor for his unconventional version of Verdi's opera, *Rigoletto*, Which is to open the Maggio Musicale festival in Florence on Saturday.

The baritone, Signor Piero Cappuccilli, said in an interview with an Italian newspaper: "Lyubimov was expelled from the Soviet Union, but he remains a Communist. Just think, on the scene all the time there are some fixed mannikins; Hitler, Mussolini, Mao, Napoleon.

"I was meant to sing the part of Rigoletto wearing an overcoat taken from Napoleon, then put on my head a bowler hat and walk about like Charlie Chaplin."

The soprano, the Czechoslovak singer, Miss Edita Gruberova, has not been present at the rehearsals. The conductor, Bruno Bartoletti, has resigned out of solidarity with others. "This *mise en scène* of *Rigoletto* appears frankly absurd," he commented. "It's making a joke of Verdi."

Signor Cappuccilli must have sung Rigoletto 300 times, and it was just not possible to make him dress like Charlie Chaplin without consulting him. As for the soprano, she was meant to sing an aria "dangling on a swing, with a voice coming and going. I've never seen anything like it."

Mr Lyubimov, a thorn in the flesh of official Soviet culture when at the Taganka, is unrepentant. Speaking through an interpreter, he said he could not understand what had happened to Signor Cappuccilli. He had arrived at the theatre for rehearsals "exactly one week and a quarter of an hour late," then had gone away again.

Miss Gruberova had never arrived in Florence for rehearsals, so she could hardly judge his work.

Signor Luciano Berio, the artistic head of the festival, who hurried back from a promotional visit to New York when the trouble broke out said politics were not involved. When he engaged the artistes they all knew about Mr Lyubimov. Miss Gruberova had not appeared at rehearsals because she was unwell.

He had managed to find replacements, if it proved necessary: Herr Hans Graf, from Vienna, as conducgor; Signor Antonio Salvadori, as baritone; and Miss Jenny Drivala, a Greek, as soprano.

European notebook

Leap year race for unenviable job

Ladbroke's should open a betting shop in Brussels to cope with all the excitement generated by the great commission steeplechase. This major international event is held every leap year and is run simultaneously in all the capital cities of the European community. The course is a complex mixture of political tripwires, academic objections and technical hitches, with contestants whipped on by national pride and prejudice.

The prize is the presidency of the European Commission, arguably the most powerfully impotent job in world politics. Over the years the holder of this unenviable office has been systematically stripped of nearly all but the power to influence, yet he is lumbered with the personal responsibility and the blame for almost everything that goes wrong withing the EEC.

Between now and the June European summit the name of the next president will have to be agreed, by some osmotic process, between the 10 EEC leaders. There has already been a certain amount of lobbying, but the real selection job will start once the Easter break is over.

The task is more complex than ever this year. The current financial crisis facing the Community should be solved by the time the new president takes over, but he will still face a daunting task because of the bad blood that has been spilt. It is no time for a weak, stop-gap candidate chosen to satisfy national claims.

There is only one obvious candidate in the present commission: he is Viscount Etienne Davignon, the Belgian diplomat. Linguist and workaholic, who has an impressive record for knocking obstinate heads together and forcing compromises. If chosen his depth of experience and forceful personality should make up for his lack of political background.

But he is not short of detractors either, "Stevie Wonder" – as he enjoys being nicknamed, is criticized for being too autocratic and for failing to listen to any ideas but his own. He also suffers from the fact that as a French speaking Belgian, his Flemish dominated government is known to believe it is high time to appoint a Dutch speaking commissioner.

His domestic power base is thus not as sound as it should be. This has been a major problem of the current president, Mr Gaston Thorn, in his much criticized term in office.

Viscount Davignon: EEC's Stevie Wonder

Despite his stoad political experience – which led Britain to prefer him over the Viscount four years ago – the fact that Mr Thorn comes from tiny Luxembourg and from a political system which exists by compromise has meant that he has often been too weak for the Community's good.

This has in turn led to undermining the credibility of the whole 14-man commission and has provoked considerable argument over the future place of the Community's executive. This is now intensified by the fact that Spain and Portugal are due to join the Community in 1986 – one year after the next commission is due to take over.

Under the present system, Spain, as the fifth largest country, should be allocated two commissioners, and Portugal one this would bring the commission up to total of 17 members. Many feel that the current 14 are too many and certainly there are some commissioners who at the moment, are what can only be described as "underemployed."

It remains for every country to have its own voice heard and understood inside the Community. This became obvious last October when a plan which totally changed the basis of calculating the British financial contribution was agreed.

The majority on the commission thought they could steamroller Britain into accepting the plan despite vehement opposition of the two British members. But the idea was ridiculed from the start, and the fact that it had been suggested at all further undermined the commission's role as honest broker and forced it on to the sidelines of the argument.

Ian Murray

Sofia linked with Pretoria deals

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Danish police are to reassess charges against the owners and shareholders of a Copenhagen-based shipping line for illegally smuggling arms from Bulgaria and other countries to South Africa, after a Danish television programme last week.

The programme clearly pointed to Bulgarian involvement in the illicit shipping by the Danish Trigon Line of Vedbaek, North of Copenhagen, contradicting previous Bulgarian denials. According to Mr Sten Baadsgaard, one of the journalists responsible for the programme, there is concrete evidence that Trigon carried out 25 to 30 illegal sailings of, in all, more than 6,000 tons of helicopters, missiles, ammunition and weapons from ports in Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Romania, Portugal, Belgium, France and Italy in the period 1978-80. It is estimated that Trigon earned a total of $5m on the sailings, which were carried out in direct violation of the 1977 United Nations resolution banning arms exports to South Africa. Mr Baadsgaard said he had incontestable evidence to show that the arms shipped from Bulgaria were of Soviet manufacture.

The Danish owner of Trigon, whose name cannot be divulged due to a court order, escaped to Cape Town last April. The Danish authorities first arrested him on charges of suspected illicit arms smuggling to South Africa in 1980 but released him when he claimed that he had only chartered vessels involved to a third party and was ignorant of their cargo.

This claim was later found to be false

THE ARTS

PUBLISHING

Books that lead behind bars

There are about 10 million Kurds living in Turkey today. Their existence has been officially denied by each Turkish Government since 1923. Therefore Kurdish publications and books about the Kurds, their language and culture are illegal.

Even in Israel the military censor prohibits the distribution in the West Bank of many books published at home and abroad including poetry, history, physics and theology. Banned authors include the former Israeli deputy prime minister Yigal Alon, Arthur Miller and Shakespeare. Booksellers have a problem. They may be jailed for selling banned books, yet they cannot discover, with certainty, what is or is not banned.

In Hungary, two new *samizdat* ventures have come into being, one a periodical, the other a publishing house. Both make available work which is unacceptable to the state-run official publishers, including out-of-print Hungarian classics as well as new work and translations, among them Koestler and Solzhenitzyn.

This information, and scores of other examples, come from *Freedom to Publish 1984*, a report researched and edited by the British magazine *Index on Censorship* on obstacles to freedom in publishing, prepared for the recently held congress of the International Publishers' Association in Mexico City.

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I am conscious of referring to W. H. Smith & Son more than to any other individual bookseller, but WHS is more – or less, subject to how you regard it – than any other individual bookseller. If retail bookselling has a commercial future, WHS needs to be closely monitored.

In the weeks leading up to last Christmas, *Encyclopaedia Britannica* sold sets (each costing between £1,200 and £3,000, depending on binding) from nine Smith's branches. WHS has now, for a hefty price, granted a concession to sell the *Britannica* in no fewer than 54 of its branches. Michael Pountney, WHS's merchandise controller of books, says in his usual candid way: "We don't think it will improve our business substantially but it might add to the company's image as a serious bookseller".

I could suggest to Mr Pountney other ways of doing just that, but how many publishers (Virago? Cape? Batsford? Deutsch?) would welcome the opportunity of *paying* WHS to sell their books?

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The judges of the first Betty Trask award for the best romantic and/or traditional novel are, because of the avalanche of submissions, being referred to at the Society of Authors, which administers the prize, as the Trask Force.

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When Desmond Clarke, former director of the Book Marketing Council, is put in charge of an imprint's marketing department expect things to happen, even at Faber & Faber. In October Craig Raine, Faber's own poetry editor and now one of their poets too, and Seamus Heaney are to participate in a poetry promotion that will take them, in the course of one day, to both Oxford and Leeds. The distance between the two cities? 160 miles. But, to the publishers of Auden, Eliot and Hughes, poetry should be big business and the two poets, accompanied no doubt by the usual bevy of publicity people, will travel by helicopter. Cost? £300.

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A well-known author, who does not ask to be anonymous but for his own sake probably should be, writes to say that he has published more than 20 books with various publishers and not once had difficulty in collecting earned royalties. Yet he comments: "How do publishers justify their hanging on to royalties two, three or even four months after the accounting period? I know *why* they do it – they are able to siphon off the interest that should be accruing in their authors' bank accounts. But justification...?"

He goes on to say that, in his innocence, he used to assume it took two or three months after the accounting period in question for the publishers to get all the figures in and make their calculations. He now believes otherwise, as requests to his publishers shortly after the last accounting period resulted in his being told precisely what sums he would receive in two months' time. "Quite evidently the money – my money – lay snug in the publishers' bank."

How naive some authors are. How do they imagine publishers make record profit figures?

E. J. Craddock

Theatre

Kingdom of Earth
Hampstead

Michael Attenborough's new Hampstead regime opens with the British première of a 1968 Tennessee Williams piece, stunningly set and cast up to the nines in the best traditions of this exacting house.

I cannot make the same claim for the text. Its director, Kenneth MacMillan, describes *Kingdom of Earth* as "a very dramatic play" and nobody is going to argue with that, given the fact that it concerns a duel to the death between two brothers for possession of a Mississippi farmhouse, which is already half flooded and about to be engulfed.

With the local population fleeing the disaster area, the tubercular Lot returns home with Myrtle, his bride of 24 hours, and leads her into his mother's gilded parlour to take sherry, while in the squalid adjoining kitchen his coloured half-brother, Chicken, eavesdrops darkly on their every word while tanking himself up on liquor and masquerading as a guard dog when anyone approaches his door.

We are back with Williams's chosen company of "the lonely and the lost"; but there is some difficulty in sorting out which is which. Lot may be a delicate creature, striving to "create a little elegance in a corner of the earth ... that wasn't favourable to it"; but he quickly loses sympathy as a malignant plotter who has duped the trusting Myrtle, and only married her to achieve posthumous revenge by disinheriting Chicken.

Myrtle, a former showgirl, may have a loving and open nature but she quickly pricks her ears up at the prospect of property ownership. As for Chicken, he may come on strong as the beast in the jungle, but wait, perhaps he too is a victim of the raw deal called life (it is only a matter of time before he spills out his sad story).

Whatever your willingness to go along with the play, it is repelled by the growing sense that Williams is manipulating these people with scant respect for who they are. First there are obligatory hostilities between the brothers. Then Myrtle is given the task of filching Chicken's document of inheritance.

Amid a gathering crescendo of mighty waters you wait to see whether she will be drowned or raped, or make her escape to the roof. By means of bringing her down three times from Lot's bedroom, each time in sexier costume, Williams achieves all three objectives. But the effect is to cast Chicken successively as a homicidal maniac threatening to dump her in the flooded cellar; a macho bully bending the tinsel-clad "petite personality kid" to his will; and as a hard but honest man offering her his protection.

As always with Williams, overheated absurdity is periodically relieved by wonderful shafts of comic writing; but it says something for the play's shortcomings that the biggest laughs coincided with the main speech on man's earthly rewards.

Laurie Dennett brilliantly accomodates three contrasted living areas on the Hampstead stage, and the manners appropriate to each are faithfully reflected in MacMillan's production. Otherwise the company push character contrast to the limit. David Taylor's Lot gradually unfolds as an exquisitely poisoned flower. Stephen Rea, a brutal, mud-encrusted Chicken, exuding menace with deadpan insolence and malevolent chuckles, comes close to achieving the required final gear-change into the herioc vein. Nichola McAuliffe has an incoherently passive role, but she excels in varied moods of romantic love and terror; hers is by far the funniest performance.

Irving Wardle

Concert

Dreamtiger
Wigmore Hall

This was a happy selection of unconsidered masterpieces. For instance, I have always thought Boulez's *Domaines*, in its solo clarinet version, to be a rare example for him of a composition stopped short at the stage of a blueprint: strong in idea and design, but lacking in texture and in enough ambiguity to disguise its sixfold patterns as regular as quartz.

But Ian Mitchell weaved garlands around the mineral outlines. His chords, instead of being aggressive definitions of purpose, were soft, fresh and filled with a relish of the moment, breaking up the automatic journey with human resting places.

Any pianist must work the same trick of making machines behave. Peter Hill did so admirably in an eloquent, wholly unpretentious, music-serving way in his performances of *Dallapiccola's Quaderno musicale* and Nigel Osborne's recent Piano Sonata. It must be one of Osborne's best things: a work that invites one inside and produces a strong context for the ordinary to seem new. It is good to know that Mr Hill is recording it.

Finally, he and Mr Mitchell were both involved in a charming retrospective of the works of Howard Skempton. I dare say most of us could play Skempton and probably most of us could compose it too, since the stylistic world is that of the very easiest pieces for beginners. But there is no point in dismissing him, any more than in complicating what is a beautifully simple experience, one that remained unsullied here even by his own performance on that tawdriest of instruments, the piano accordion.

Paul Griffiths



THE ARTS

The future of Mies van der Rohe's last building is at stake in a massive battle due to begin tomorrow about the redevelopment of London's Mansion House Square: **Bryan Appleyard** reports

Architecture at the barricades

Tomorrow begins perhaps the most significant set-piece architectural battle since the war. A Department of the Environment inspector, Mr Steven Marks, will sit down in London's Guildhall to hear some 40 witnesses defend the proposed redevelopment of Mansion House Square and some 15 – including those called by the City of London Corporation and the Greater London Council – condemn it. The arguments Mr Marks will hear will take in every conceivable variation of the modernist, post-modernist and conservationist views of architecture, and a glittering array of the profession's stars have agreed to appear. The atmosphere of embittered conviction from both sides suggests some medieval ecclesiastical disputation.

At stake is the future of the last building designed by Mies van der Rohe, one of the three most influential architects of the century. Those for it simply think it would be a masterpiece, those against either believe it outdated and inappropriate or they prefer the jumble of Victorian buildings which it would replace. The sheer formal perfection of these battle lines will make this inquiry almost unique. It will be as much an argument about the nature of art as about politics or planning.

The seed of this extraordinary confrontation was sown on a Sunday morning in 1952 at Eton, when a housemaster gave a seminar on the architecture of Mies. Peter Palumbo, the 17-year-old heir to a private property company, was entranced. He became infatuated with modern architecture and, 10 years later, he commissioned Mies to design the Mansion House Square scheme. Ten years after that he bought Mies's Farnsworth House in Plano, Illinois. In the meantime, Mies had become godfather to Palumbo's daughter.

When commissioning the Mansion House development Palumbo had to warn Mies that there was little chance of the building starting before 1987 because of conditions surrounding the leasehold on the site. It was almost certain that the elderly Mies would have to work towards a posthumous project. Palumbo also told Mies that he wanted him to design everything, down to the ashtrays and door handles.

Some weeks later a parcel arrived in the post, full of brass handles and travertine marble ashtrays, with a note from Mies: "Is this what you had in mind?" The project was completed just in time. Two weeks before his death in August 1969 Mies placed the flagpole asymmetrically in the square in front of the office block, and the designs were finished.

The building, if it is approved, is likely to constitute a modernist masterpiece. The steel and glass tower improves on the calm purity of Mies's Seagram Building in New York, and its placing before an open square which roofs over an underground shopping mall looks stunning in the model. The square would also open up views of Lutyens's Midland Bank building, Dance's Mansion House and Wren's St Stephen Walbrook. Even Palumbo, however, admits it has the disadvantage of opening up as well a view of Bucklesbury House on its south side. If it were built, Britain would move in one leap from having no Mies buildings at all to having one of his best.

It is not that simple, of course. The history of the scheme has been perverse and complex. Palumbo first sought planning permission in 1968 and received it in principle from the City in 1969. That same year the GLC praised the building as being "of great merit". But in 1971 the Bank Conservation Area was designated, and in 1981 it was extended to cover many of the buildings on the site.

Between 1969 and 1974 Palumbo and the City had negotiated unsuccessfully on the details. In 1975 Palumbo applied for planning permission to refurbish existing buildings, to start to generate at least some income from his properties, but their condition was too bad for work to begin. In 1981 Palumbo had bought every freehold except one – the Bank of New Zealand – for a total outlay of about £25m and he reapplied for planning permission. In 1982 he was turned down and the GLC turned against him. Tomorrow the final conflict begins.

Palumbo's problem is that times have changed. Modernism in architecture has become unfashionable, superseded by a spectacular variety of styles all determined to escape from the stigma of windy tower blocks and dripping concrete. But, most significantly, the conservation movement has burgeoned and the organization SAVE Britain's Heritage has turned into one of the most ferocious opponents of the scheme. SAVE has even commissioned Terry Farrell – the architect of TV-am's Camden Town studios – to produce plans to refurbish the existing buildings.

The anti-Palumbo lobby claims that he will destroy the tightly-woven fabric of the City. The specific buildings to be demolished may not be brilliant but they are supremely characteristic of that type of Victorian urban development, and they keep faith with the medieval street plan. In any case the whole Mies development is essentially un-English, redolent of Chicago rather than Cheapside.

Even if Palumbo jumps that hurdle, he is confronted by another: what is the sense of putting up an outdated building more than 20 years after it was designed? Is it like erecting a new pyramid?

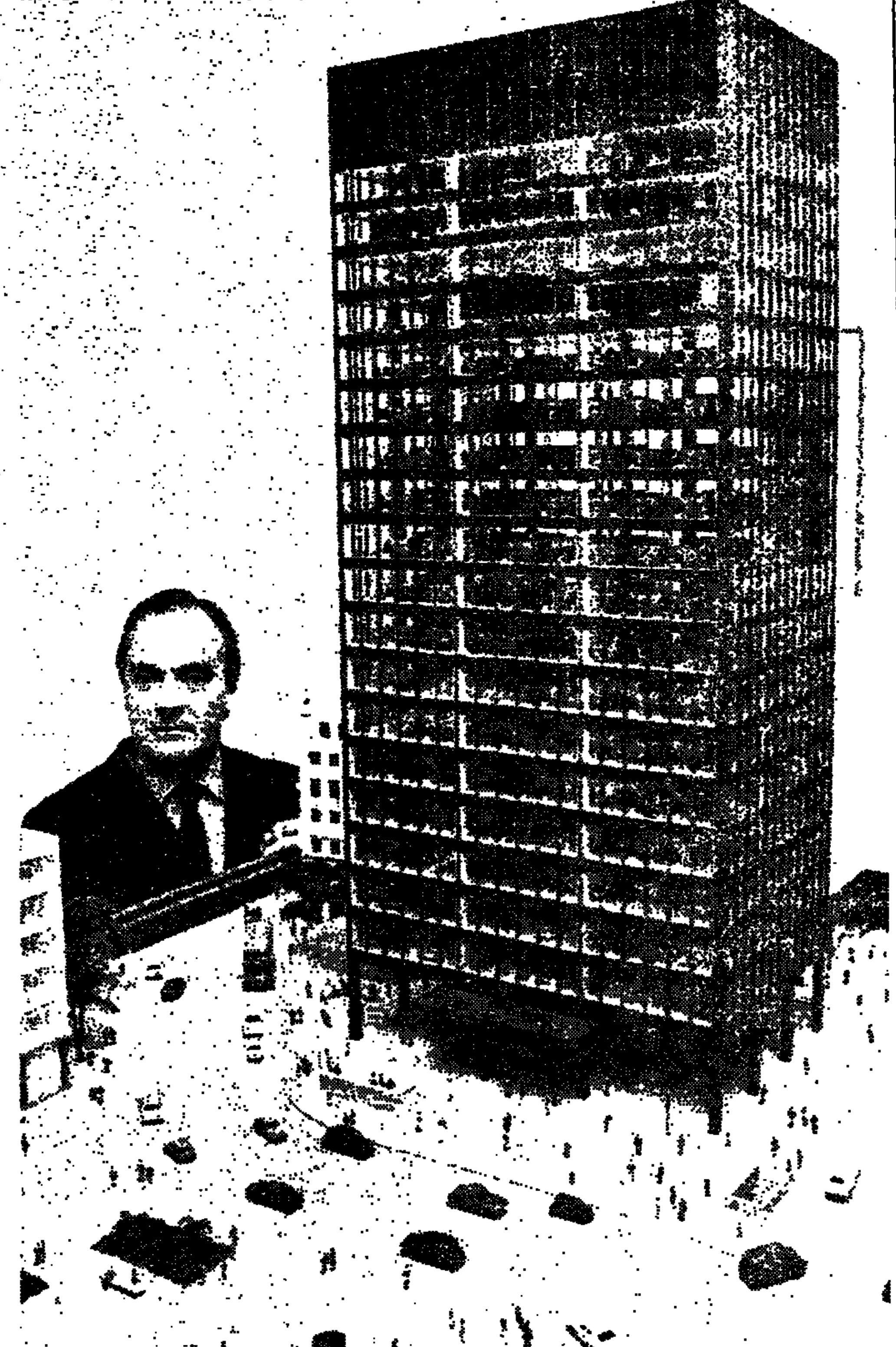
Palumbo's counter at this point in the argument will be to wheel in British architecture's Big Three – Richard Rogers, Norman Foster and James Stirling. They will acknowledge that they could indeed produce alternative solutions but – and here they will insert a very sharp knife indeed into the non-conservationist opponents – they could not manage anything better.

Both sides at this stage think they can win, but the truth appears to be that the issue is wide open. In the last analysis it depends on the attitude of Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment, who is expected to deliver the final word in March 1985.

If Palumbo wins he will immediately start to spend another £75m to bring up to £100m his total investment in that frisson he felt on a Sunday morning in 1952. As a businessman he knew from day one that the whole project was not financially sensible. The cost-effective route would have been refurbishment. But in Palumbo – who is after all to take over as the chairman of the Tate Gallery Trustees in June – the conservationists are not up against any old rapacious developer; they are fighting a sophisticated connoisseur of modern art. He feels he must try to keep faith with Mies as his last patron and successor of Herbie Greenwald, the American patron who commissioned much of Mies's greatest work.

The best and most eloquent argument came from the great architectural historian Sir John Summerson in a letter to *The Times* published in March 1982. He wrote that he felt "*some* sympathy with *some*" of the objections, but overall they amounted to a "pathetic aggregate of disconnected and even contradictory half-truths". Finally, he wrote, there was simply more to be said for it than has so far been said against it. Sir John, now aged 80, is likely to appear before Mr Marks in the second week of the inquiry. God and Patrick Jenkin willing, he ought to win the day for Mies.

Martin Mayer



Peter Palumbo with model of the Mansion House Square development

Television

Tensions within

BBC2's Saturday night play, **The Testament of John**, was long but immensely rewarding. It required some patience at the outset, a certain tuning of the ear, for Don Taylor, who also directed it, wrote it in modern dramatic verse; and, ideally, an awareness of the international climate at the time of the Spanish Civil War when good appeared to stand out so clearly against evil.

But Mr Taylor is worth some indulgence, for he is able to stir the mind quite dramatically. Here he had a cast able to take hold of his language and convey the tensions within.

Kenneth Haigh was Robert Douglas, born after his father, John, had left his mother and gone to fight for what seemed to be the greater good. John appeared to have deserted both. Now, a retired and respected bookseller, he is living with the daughter born of a second, bigamous wife while he was a fugitive in France.

Robert, an academic historian, has tracked him down, and, in doing so, discovered evidence that suggests that – in addition to betraying his paternal responsibilities – he has also been guilty of political treachery resulting in the death of three of his comrades. Robert confronts him and his mystified half-sister with an eye to a double vengeance.

It was necessarily somewhat discursive, having not only to encompass the political shadings of almost fifty years ago but also the complex relationship of father and aggrieved son. It was a difficult task and Mr Taylor brought it off with considerable skill and, in the main, unremitting dramatic effect.

Anthony Quayle was magnificent as the father; Mr Haigh acidly implacable as the judicial son; Rosalie Crutchley not too harrowed as the deserted wife; and Jean Lapotaire convincingly filial as the daughter. Louis Marks produced this unexpected Saturday night bonus.

Dennis Hackett

Twenty years after it first spread in America, LSD, the most potent of the psychedelic drugs, is coming back. Seizures in Europe are rising again. Stewart Tendler and David May reveal the inside story of the men who put the drug into high quality mass production

The acid reign of King Owsley

By day, Canter's Delicatessen was a meeting place for the elders of the orthodox Jewish community living in the streets around Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles. Canter's, close to the junction of West Hollywood and Beverly Hills, held a monopoly as the only eating place around the area which kept to the strict, complex food regulations of the Jewish faith. Reassured by the management's strictness, elderly men would sip lemon tea and titbits, gossiping about children, grandchildren, Israel and the neighbourhood.

By night, when the old men had gone, their seats were taken over by hundreds of young people drawn from all over Los Angeles. There were other late opening delicatessens in Los Angeles, but the special attraction of Canter's was the booths where conversation could not be overheard. It was there the dealers sat and waited for business, passing a capsule of LSD or an ounce of marijuana under the table in exchange for a handful of dollars. Between two and four in the morning, a steady procession of cars stopped outside as customers arrived for the booths. Rich and poor congregated at Canter's, at 'Capsule Corner'.

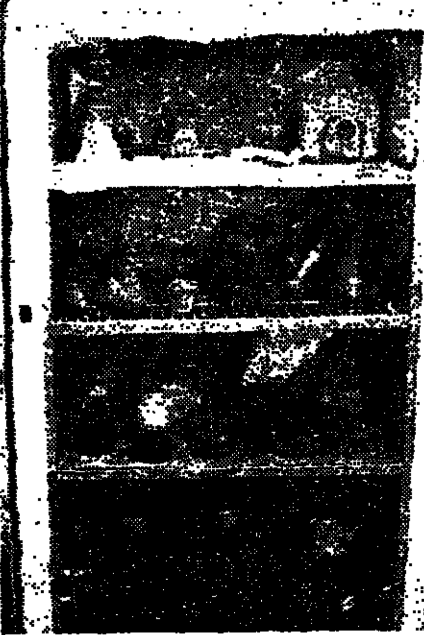
Early one morning in 1966, as the crowd at Canter's began to build up towards its peak, four players sat round a table in an apartment a few blocks away to pass the time with a game of Monopoly. It was nearly 3am when they were interrupted by a group of people who had drifted over from the delicatessen. They knew most of the new arrivals, but they were not sure about the man with cameras. Someone stepped forward. "This is Lawrence Schiller", he said, "the guy I told you about who works for *Life* magazine. They wanted him to do a piece on LSD and Larry here is collecting material. He's all right."

Schiller was trying to piece together the network of LSD distribution from maker to street user; he had been invited to witness the purchase of doses from distributors by middlemen: the four players were the middlemen and the apartment was the venue for the connection. To Schiller the apartment looked ordinary, another duplex like hundreds of others in the surrounding streets. He glanced round again and his gaze fell on the table. He started.

Extracted from The Brotherhood of Eternal Love, by Stewart Tendler and David May, to be published by Granada at £2.50 on May 10







Augustus Owsley Stanley III (left), "the man who did for LSD what Henry Ford did for the motor car" and (top), Tim Scully. Above, The tools of the Owsley trade

Owsley acid became a byword among dealers

The Monopoly players, all teenagers, were nonchalantly tossing round real banknotes.

Schiller made a quick mental tally: ten, twenty . . . twenty-five . . . thirty . . . thirty-five. There lay $35,000 split between four kids who told him they were an insurance company trainee, a student, a rock and roll musician and a full-time drug dealer.

The delivery was casual, too. Another kid, a girl, bounced into the apartment clutching a peanut butter jar filled with purple pills. She whirled around the room and said with glee, "Look what I got from Owsley". One of the boys frowned, glancing warningly at Schiller. As the jar was emptied on the table to reveal thousands of LSD doses, Schiller and everyone else crowded round. The boy slipped away to telephone a number on the other side of Los Angeles.

The phone rang in a large, rambling, rented house in the west of the city. The man who answered the call was Augustus Owsley Stanley III, once described by US Government agents as the man who did for LSD what Henry Ford did for the motor car. Dubbed by Timothy Leary 'God's secret agent', he was the first underground chemist to mass-produce LSD to a high quality. 'Owsley Acid' had become a byword among dealers and users alike. Bespectacled, in his early thirties and with slightly sharp features, Owsley provided the expanding LSD market with doses by the hundred thousand. Grandson of a US senator and Kentucky governor, son of a government lawyer, he was on his way to becoming 'king' of LSD.

When the call from Capsule Corner came through, Owsley and his two associates – Melissa Cargill and Tim Scully were in a celebratory mood. As far as they knew, no one ever successfully tableted LSD before – until then. Owsley had made a white LSD powder which was dosed in capsules. The tableting had been performed by hand, the finished pills poured into the peanut jar, then delivered. The run complete, he and his two assistants took a tablet each and sat back to enjoy the fruits of their labours.

Owsley's first LSD laboratory had been near Pasadena. Creating a dummy company called Bear Research Group – 'Bear' was his nickname – Owsley ordered chemicals; within two months he took delivery of 500 grams of lysergic acid from a Los Angeles company at a cost of $20,000. He paid in cash and followed up with another 300 grams bought from a second company. It was the last purchase of its kind to be made in the United States before tougher controls were established.

He met the Grateful Dead rock group and began experimenting with electronic equipment to improve their sound. He heard of a young scientist called Tim Scully, who was living near the university at Berkeley and was reputed to be an electronic genius. Owsley decided to find Scully and see if he would help design equipment. Ironically, Scully was in fact looking for Owsley, but with LSD rather than electronics in mind.

The two met on Scully's front-door step in Hopkins Street, close to the campus, when Owsley knocked and introduced himself. They talked for several hours: Scully, the tall, lean, serious young man with a dry sense of humour, and Owsley, nearly ten years older, already a veteran of the LSD scene and very nearly the unofficial mayor of San Francisco, capital of the psychedelic world. Sure, said Owsley, he was going to make more LSD, but not just yet. Owsley was wary, wondering if Scully was an informer. Finally he suggested that Scully work with the Grateful Dead, and they would take it from there. Scully agreed and joined the band behind the scenes. But there came a point when Owsley's funds ran low. The answer was the purple pills.

The most difficult job was moving 'dry ice'

The money from the Capsule Corner tablets did not last very long, since Owsley was paying most of the Dead's expenses as well as contributing to many projects in the Bay area. He was beginning to feel that his role as major supplier conferred on him certain duties, and he was building up a complex view of LSD and its potential. He saw himself as an alchemist, someone with a mission to make LSD available as a tool to alter history; whatever profits accrued were held in trust. A few months after the tableting Owsley decided to make more LSD and started the search for a new laboratory site.

A police raid on an illegal methedrine factory some years before had taught Owsley the virtues of caution and security, almost to the point of paranoia. He was always careful to be late for appointments, to vary his movements and check wheher he was under surveillance. So, when he came to consider laboratory sites, he sat down and thought out his requirements with great care. Point Richmond, the next laboratory near San Francisco, was the 'prototypical underground laboratory hidden in a suburb of Berkeley professors' homes. The laboratory was an ordinary timber house.

They brought in chemical supplies from companies around San Francisco that knew Owsley as a steady customer. The most difficult and unpleasant job was moving in 'dry ice' as part of a condensing process.

Owsley was still working on the basis of a formula for LSD – the formula released by Eli Lilly in the 1950s – which left out key details on purification and prevention of decay for commercial rather than secuity reasons. Point Richmond became proving ground for filling in some of those blanks. Owsley had got as far as crystal LSD which in itself required a reasonable level of purity, but he believed that if he could achieve absolute purity, then the LSD would be extra special with extra special results. Between them, Owsley and Scully created 20 to 30 grams of what they thought was the purest LSD anyone had yet produced. The crystal lost its yellowish tinge and became almost blue-white under a fluorescent lamp. It was pure enough to be piziolumescent – if the crystals were shaken or crushed, they gave off flashes of light. (LSD is one of a very small group of compounds with this property.)

Turning from purification, Owsley examined marketing considerations and decided to vary the dye on the crystal, instead of using only one shade. He took five ordinary food colourings, as approved by the Food and Drugs Administration for the food industry, and divided the LSD into 3,600 doses per gram. Each gram was split into five, mixed with dye and put into capsules. Although there was no difference between the capsules, the street dealers reported back that the users were giving the colours different qualities: red was considered laid back; green frantic; and blue the ideal compromise. Point Richmond began churning out 'Blue Cheer', as the capsules were dubbed by users.

Owsley's experimentation was over, however. In a small town north of San Francisco he rented a house from a man reported to be, ironically, a former guard at Alcatraz and moved in a tableting machine, to make the first compression-moulded (machine-made) tablets to appear on the LSD scene. They were white, and became famous as 'White Lightning'. Between midsummer and October 1966 when the new California law banning LSD came into effect, the chemist and his apprentice produced between 200 and 300 grams of LSD, or approximately one million doses, worth $1 million on the street.

Tomorrow: The fall of the LSD empire



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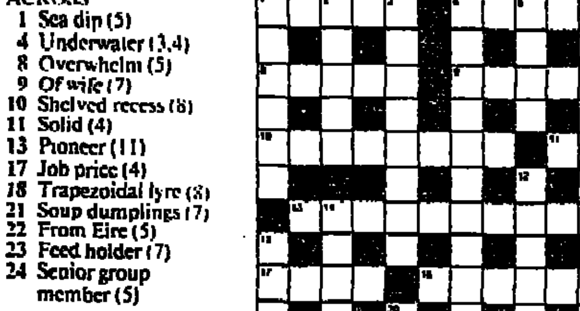
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Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

MONDAY PAGE

They all lived happily ever after. Or not, according to taste. Books programmed into computer cassettes with which the reader can vary the course of the story to suit a whim are the latest thing. **Alan Franks** investigates the new interactive literature

The moving finger rewrites the plot

A computer-backed revolution is stealing up on the book world, and publishers are bracing themselves for its impact with a mixture of hope and bewilderment. "Interactive literature", or fiction in which the reader can play an active part by feeding instructions through his keyboard, has already started to sell in Britain, and there is hardly a major publishing house which is not exploring the potential of the field.

"IL", as it is now popularly called, consists of whole books encapsulated in computer cassettes, allowing a variety of plots to be pursued by the user, depending on his ingenuity at the keyboard. In practical terms, this means that instead of being escorted through the story by its author in the conventional way, you can at any stage select a different set of options and take the narrative into another direction.

In its simplest detective form it enables you, as the sleuth, to solve a murder mystery by extracting vital pieces of information from the program. But now the technique is being extended by software specialists to existing works of fiction, enabling the home computer user to rework a book to his own conclusion.

There is already a mass market potential "on line"

The most telling harbinger of the trend is Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, which has already sold 100,000 copies in computerized form. Far from being a banal reduction of the original, it can fairly claim to use characters locations without traducing the spirit of either. Certainly it is a sophisticated affair, and even experienced "readers" are taking as long as 30 hours to complete it.

Interactive literature is not to be confused with straightforward computer games of the *Dungeons and Dragons* variety, although, given that much of its appeal rests in the element of quest and adventure, it owes a great deal to the conventions which that medium has established. Agatha Christie and C S Lewis are among the names of best-selling authors whose literary estates are now being approached by software publishers with a view to IL conversion.

Although there are as yet only about a dozen British-manufactured packages of interactive fiction on the market, the past decade has seen the emergence of several thousand game programs and it is this which is proving a source of encouragement to those on the literature side. To judge from the prognoses of the IL buffs at the recent London Book Fair, at the Barbican, that figure of a dozen is set to explode one hundredfold in the next five years.

Their optimism is further justified by the fact that there are now two million Spectrum home computers in our households, and some 250,000 Commodore models. Taken together with other highly successful hardware, such as the BBC Micro B, it means that there is already a mass market potential "on line." Just as significant is the fact that such established authors as Robert A. Heinlein *(Starship Trooper)*, Harry Harrison *(The Deathworld Trilogy)* and Frank Herbert *(Dune)* are currently having their work turned into IL. This year, one of the UK market leaders, Mosaic Publishing, has software by eight authors on its June-December list. They include Desmond Morris *(Inrock)* and Terry Jones *(The Saga of Eric the Viking)*. Most of these cassettes can be used with the Specturm 48 K, and some with the BBC Micro B, Electron or Commodore 64. Prices for a book/cassette package range between £6.95 and £14.95.

Meanwhile, Penguin Books have stepped smartly into the action with their *Korth Trilogy* by P K McBride, each of the three packages costing £4.95 and usable with the Spectrum 16 K and 48 K. Melbourne House's *The Hobbit* retails at £14.95 (Spectrum 48 K and Commodore 64). This price is higher because of the complex pictorial element in the program.

At this early stage it seems likely that one hurdle facing the industry will be to persuade conventional publishers and literary estates that to re-order some fine novel for the home computer market need not necessarily amount to the desecration of a monument. In some instances, the "shock of the new" may prove so much for the copyright owner that he could not countenance the idea of computer freaks tampering with the text. The onus therefore will be on software publishers to show that the act of passing the initiative from the author to the reader can actually enhance rather than minimise the original.

Having seen Douglas Adams's first screen jottings on his own modern classic *A Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, I can say that no matter how his "readers" choose to bend the story line, the prose is as fresh and as witty on the disc as it was on the page and the radio.

America is the cradle of the IL revolution

The cradle of the IL revolution is America. It was spawned in the late 1970s by a union between the Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduates interested in the netherworld of fictional goblins. A young fraternity set their minds to the creation of adventure games and formed the now burgeoning company, Infocom. Ten of these games, notably the *Zork Trilogy*, *Starcross* and *Deadline* ae widely played by home computer users in Britain. So widely, that with the right equipment the players, like a latterday breed of radio hams, can key into "bulletin boards" and compare notes on their progress. "Can anyone out there tell me how to get out of this bloody coffin?" reads a typical entry.

Infocon and their "Interlogic Series" might be pioneers, but when we impose the revolution – as inevitably we will – let us hope we don't ape the style of their sales jargon, which makes Newspeak soun like fluency itself. The invoking together of literature and technology' is unchanted terrain and the British publishers involved agree that there are almost as many pitfalls as possibilities. If this new medium is to avoid the stigma of being just a glorifed game, then the writer must be allowed to play a larger role than the technocrat.



COLIN KAPP

author of
The Unorthodox Engineers: The Pen and the Dark.

I have written hardly any novels or short stories which did not have a computer in them somewhere. It rather amuses me to see the wheel turning full circle and stories going into the computer. To me, that is both welcome and challenging, when one thinks of the influence which computers will have on virtually every aspect of like in the near future. I accept that the spoken word and printed page have served story-tellers well, but I get the feeling that computers will serve them even better. You see, what we are seeing here - established tales turned into video devices – is just the tip of a very large iceberg. My reason for saying this is that micro-computers are developing in power and capability at an extraordinary rate and the limitations which beset today's games will soon be cut out. Now the reader gets the chance to be an active participant in the story, whith his own influence on the course of events. Who knows how it's going ot go? Soon we might be *able to sail with* HMS Ulysses, or help to destroy the guns of Navarone.

DOUGLAS ADAMS

author of
A Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy



You can't compare I L with literature. If you do, you can very easily make a fool of yourself. When Leo Fender first invented an electric guitar, one could have said: "But to what extent is this real music?" To which to answer is: "All right, well we're not going to play Beethoven on it, but at least let's look at what we *can* do. "What matters is whether it's interesting and exciting. The thing I like about this, is that I can sit down and know that I am the first person to be working in this specific field. when you're writing a novel, you are aware that you are manipulating your readers. Here, you know you're going to make them think how it is that you want them to reason. I don't regard it as being an abdication of creative art. Yes, at first I was horrified; in fact, there is a sense in which now the author is even more in control because the "reader" has more problems to solve. All the devices of the novel are still at your disposal, because a novel is simply a string of words, and words can mean whatever you want them to. It just offers the opportunity to have a lot of fun.

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The association of computers and books is going to take a colossal number of forms, and as home computers stop being just toybox novelties, there's going to be a mushrooming of very specific subject-based packages. The data base principles are now very highly developed, and yet I'm convinced it is not enough to provide users with expensive new toys with which to work our their own applications; in general these are difficult to understand, and if you don't have the required skills, the results will be unsatisfactory. As I see it, the irony of the software market is that when people see a great thick manual, they imagine they're getting value for money, whereas the best kind of software is self-explanatory and needs no instruction book at all. To ignore the story side of things *for a moment. I can foresee a* colossal demand for computerised non-fiction in areas like, let us say, bird-watching or family health. We are talking about powerful tools which should be used to perform the more mundane aspects of human endeavour. You might say that I'm arguing for the democratization of technology.

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The way it's been up to now is that you read a novel and I read a novel, and then afterwards we compare notes. That's all changing. Now we are both heroes and we can compare notes on just how we got on at being heroes. Take *Alice in Wonderland*. Sure, it's fun to read, but isn't it more fun getting to be Alice? Wouldn't you like to be Alice. I'd love to be Alice. Or else Agatha Christie. What about her? She may have been a very good writer, but honestly some of her plots are very creaky, and maybe she could use a helping hand. You know, interactive fiction is already having such an influence that there is a publisher planning to bring out a series of 90 *Choose Your Own Adventure* books. Nothing to do with computers, just children's books in which the kids can choose between a whole variety of story lines by reading the pages in a different order. Here you have a case of the old technology (the book) beginning to acquire the characteristics of the new. In a way, this revolution's a bit like the early days of steam or electricity. They'd say: "Look. This machine works. See there. It makes the wheel go round over there." And then they'd say: "Hey, now what're we going to do with the wheel." In this case, the answer is: "Plenty."

PENNY PERRICK

There is no pattern for success



What is there, in the backgrounds of successful women, that leads, inevitable, to their becoming rich and famous? Not a lot, although Cary L. Cooper and Linda Thompson, in their book, *Public Faces, Private Lives**, flounder around quite desperately in their search for a common denominator.

The high achievers they interviewed, just like the low achievers they didn't, had experienced varying degrees of parental love. Joanna Lumley was "spoiled rotten". Jill Tweedie was made to feel that her mere existence "was a total mistake for everybody". Some, like Esther Rantzen, had fathers who were "gender blind", encouraging and devoted. Some lost their fathers through death (Tracey Ullman) or divorce (Susan Hampshire).

Those whose early lives were secure and stable thought that this had contributed to their later success. Those whose childhood histories read like cases ripe for an NSPCC investigation were convinced that their early struggles had had a positive influence.

As the successful women grew up, their life stories continued to run in divers directions. Some left school early, others went on to university. Success came young to Petula Clark and Cilla Black; Glenda Jackson didn't hear her first applause until she had turned 30. Some married and lived happily ever after (Lynn Redgrave, Petula Clark), while some got divorced (Susannah York, Joanna Lumley).

Cooper and Thompson deduce that, to be happily married to a successful woman, a man should have a good self-image. One might equally say that a husband who is comfortable with his own personality is likely to be a delightful spouse for *any* woman. During the past 10 years, I too have interviewed several famous women and have tried and failed to fit them into a formula.

It did sometimes strike me that a high proportion had very cleverly married men who took over the professional worrying. While Dame Vera Lynn sings in sell-out concerts all over the world, her husband, Harry Lewis, makes sure that the lighting is right, the hotel room booked and the travelling arrangements meshed. While Claire Rayner churns out problem pages and romantic novels, her husband Des takes over the finances. Billie Whitelaw's husband, Robert Muller, even though he has an established reputation of his own as a playwright and novelist, is a constantly soothing presence in his wife's life. Steve Krantz took over the televising of his wife, Judith's, bestselling novels, when she expressed dissatisfaction with somebody else's effort.

I was beginning to construct a quite neat little theory, to the effect that successful women made the happiest marriages when their husbands regarded the wife's career as a sort of "baby" which they could help to nourish and sustain. Then I met both Angela Rippon and Miriam Stoppard, both of whom are companiably married but whose husbands, although no doubt offering psychological reassurance, are fairly well distanced from the minutiae of their wives' careers. Collapse of theory.

If there was one thing that set the Cooper / Thompson interviewees apart, it was, perhaps, the joyful attitude they had towards their work. "Nothing but work mattered", and "Only the work existed", were remarks that were often repeated. Yet on the whole, talent and dedication notwithstanding, they lived the life and voiced the thoughts of Everywoman, especially Everywoman with a job to do.

Every one of us has scripted this, so far, unvoiced plea of Susan Hampshire's: "I am a very hardworking actress, I have just learnt the most enormous classical role, which I am playing every night, I would like to sit down with a cup of tea". (This, with the demands of home, husband and child, she is never able to do.)

If there is a conclusion to be drawn, and I'm not sure that *there is, it is that the lives of* famous women have more in common with those of ordinary women than with those of famous men.

Mr Alan Wurtzel, the programming vice-president of ABC, the American television company, defended his firm's portrayal of business excutives as devilish fellows by pointing out that television tended to deal with larger-than-life situations and characters. Since, in real life, there have been businessmen who designed revolutionary cars and became involved with drug offences, businessmen who were created peers and went on to serve prison sentences, and businessmen who sold newspaper empires over breakfast at Claridges, it is possible the J. R. Ewing and Alexis Carrington are currently acting their hearts out in smaller-than-life situations.

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Pain and propaganda in the labour ward

I want to put in a plea for women who do not wish to risk a painful labour, and sucks to the National Childbirth Trust, Leboyer, Sheila Kitzinger and all advocates of "natural" birth. The word "labour" was not coined without reason, and my first labour was nothing less than a trauma. Although I cannot conjure up the pain (a totally inadequate word under the circumstances), I shall never forget it.

I attended all my ante-natal classes and never once heard the dread word "pain" from our (childless) physiotherapist teacher. Screaming, I remember her saying, was "a thing of the past" in the hospital's labour wards. Ho, ho.

My contractions started robustly as soon as my waters broke. Three hours later, with the everything under control, the midwife said breezily that my child would be born before she had finished her shift in four hours' time, adding that my breathing was excellent.

But things got nastier and then totally out of hand. Breathing was just not relevant when the contractions became so fierce and so close together that there was no time to recover from each vice-like grip. I laboured on until the midwife about to stop work, took pity and suggested an epidural.

They didn't give me a "top up" of the blessed stuff because they wanted me to push naturally during the second stage. Alas, after an hour's renewed agony (with no urge to push), they decided to reactivate the epidural, give me an epesiotomy and winch the baby out with forceps. I remember, just before my child was born and after 12 hours of contractions, praying that I wouldn't hate her on sight. Fortunately, I didn't. It wasn't her fault after all.

For my second delivery our strategy was to have an epidural on arrival. Contractions had been painless until the midwife speeded things up and broke the waters. By the time the anaesthetist came down half an hour later, I was losing the battle.

I was moving too much to fit the epidural, he said. My husband was about to beg for pethadine when nature came to the rescue. Our infant arrived 10 contractions later.

"Aren't you glad you didn't have an epidural?" my young midwife asked cheerfully, as I clutched a blue, slimy boy. Yes, but only because it was over so quickly. The risk of pain for any longer time will ensure that, next time, I will have an epidural before the waters are broken.

For anyone who doesn't want to risk pain, especially with the first and often hardest labour, insist on drugs well before you think you need them. If you don't you may be lucky, but medicine now offers pain killers so feel free to use them. I'd love to see a survey on the number of women who were all for natural childbirth beforehand, but demanded a bit of help the second time. Robert Graves wrote of his wife's first labour: "Nancy had no foreknowledge of the experience – I assumed that she knew – and it took her years to recover from it."

Hilaire Gomer



PARIS DIARY

Frank Johnson

Reflections on a shiny new Louvre

It is beginning to be realized that one of the characteristics of the Fifth Republic, with its strong presidency, is that each president wants to leave his mark on Paris.

Under de Gaulle, buildings were cleaned of their centuries of grime. Under Pompidou, the oil refinery-like arts centre which bears his name was started, though it came on-stream only under his successor, Giscard d'Estaing. M Mitterrand will be the first ruler since the Pharoahs to leave behind him a pyramid. This, it may be remembered, is to rise in the courtyard of the Louvre, which was thought to need a new entrance that would connect quickly, through underground corridors, to its wings.

The design accepted was for an Egyptian edifice, the work of an architect named Mr Pei who is a Chinese-American. To chauvinists, there were thus at least three grounds for objections. But many Parisians thought the design looked good in the newspapers and so welcomed the silly idea. More and more are having second thoughts as additional information becomes available. Too late! M Mitterrand, acting with the authority the president possesses over national monuments, decreed that the pyramid should rise. The workmen's boards are already up in the courtyard. Excavation appears imminent.

What many did not realize was that the reflecting material of which the pyramid will be made will indeed reflect. This works well when one skyscraper reflects another in New York. But the Louvre, a seventeenth century palace, will be reflected on to twentieth century mock Egyptian. It is also possible that the pyramid will reflect the distorted images of hundreds of Japanese tourists.

Worse, the underground concourse below the pyramid will be an area of steel and glass modernity to make visitors, especially the young, feel they are not coming to anything as stuffy as an old museum. The Pompidou Centre is built on the same principle. Thus its entrance and escalators are strewn with paper cups and half-eaten croissants, since if you do not think you are in a stuffy museum, you tend not to behave as if you are in one. The existing Louvre entrance is defiantly stuffy – marmoreal stone steps and a welcome from that winged Greek lady without her head. No one sheds a croissant with her around. The tragedy is that M Mitterrand is by speech, manner and training, himself a stuffy. His pyramid will be an inappropriate legacy.

Buildings last longer than policies. Pompidou was prudent and successful on policies, yet the ages will remember him largely by his hideous centre – now the leading tourist attraction in Paris, say the figures, almost certainly because people come to glimpse the now-legendary hideousness. Giscard will be regarded more favourably: he built nothing. Indeed, Pompidou's early death took place just when opinion was moving against modernity and when he was about to commit more atrocities with which, according to the gossips, Giscard did not proceed.

On reflection, one architectural change did take place under M Giscard: the arrival of the cream, automated public lavatories (a few of which have now reached London), which charge one franc a time, have piped music, boast an elaborate cleaning mechanism, and which do virtually everything except the actual defecation. M Giscard's rule thus swept away the old iron-walled *pissoirs* for men, the feet of whose customers were visible during the relieving act.

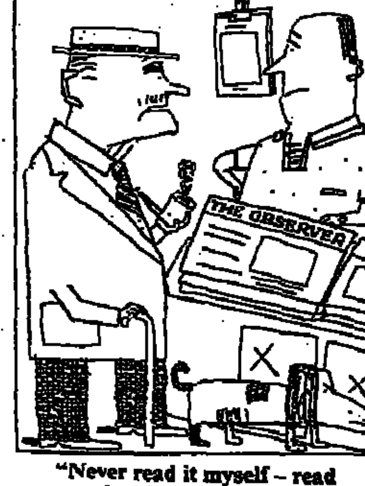
Now London's public conveniences are more foul than those of Paris: the most eloquent of all symbols to the astonishing reversal, these last 25 years, in the fortunes of our two nations.

Ma Dieu!

The French are following closely the British suggestion that God might not be a man. *Le Monde* reports a document on this possibility, from *la très austere église d'écosse*.

No French church authority of importance has yet chanced an opinion. But the cartoonist Pessin has depicted a female Christ carrying a cross and a Roman soldier inquiring: "Would you allow me to help you?" Trouble is expected for Pessin on grounds of blasphemy. Why should he have assumed, in the age of the modern Israeli army, that the Roman soldier would have been a woman?

BARRY FANTONI



"Never read it myself – read a lot about it, though"

Put public schools to the test

by John Rae

Independent schools believe in parental choice, but deny parents information that is needed to make their choice effective. In particular, they are secretive about the results of public examinations and go to considerable lengths to prevent parents comparing the results of one school with another.

The law now requires maintained schools to publish exam results. Independent schools are not bound by this law, so practice varies widely. Some schools make a limited summary of results available on request. Some are not even prepared to do even that. Some present results in a misleading way.

There are several ways of making exam results look better than they are. One is not to give the number of candidates; a 100 per cent pass rate in A-level maths looks impressive until you discover that the school had only three candidates. Another method is not to name the grades. At A-level, an overall pass rate tells parents little; what they need to know is the grades. The difference between a top and bottom pass grade at A-level is more revealing of a school's academic performance than the difference between pass and fail. It is also possible to disguise both the grades and the failures. One girls' school publishes a list of A-level candidates with the subjects in which they passed, But how many subjects were failed, and what grades did the passes represent?

It is surprising that parents appear to be satisfied with these scraps of information that headmasters and headmistresses deign to throw their way. If I were trying to decide whether to move my daughter from a girls' school to a boys' school sixth form, I should want to know how the two schools' A-level results compared, not just in global terms, but subject by subject. If she wanted to do A-level physics, I should want to know how many physics candidates each school had, what percentage of the candidates scored grade A and so on. It would not tell me the whole truth but would give me a line on the quality of teaching in that subject in both schools. This is more helpful than the anecdotal evidence and dinner table gossip on which parents usually have to rely.

Why are independent schools hypersensitive about any arrangement that would enable parents to compare schools' results? They operate in a competitive market and are happy to publish information that gives them an edge over their rivals, but direct comparisons are taboo. "You must not ask me to comment on that school", the head tells prospective parents. "I am sure it is good – neither better nor worse than us, just different." What he fears is that the publication of comparative exam results will prove that in that respect at least the other school *is* better.

The heads' objection to making comparative results available is that it would encourage the publication of league tables, which in turn would distort the schools' priorities. Independent schools do not want to be A-level factories. Heads also argue that exam statistics need to be placed in the context of the school's academic policy.

These are sensible objections, but they rely too much on the assumption, commonly held by heads, that parents are incapable of drawing intelligent conclusions from statistics of exam performance.

Parents are not so foolish as to regard exam results as the only evidence of a school's academic quality, but they have a legitimate interest in the results. They might take the view that comparisons would stimulate heads to tackle any academic weaknesses that might exist.

I believe that all independent schools should be required to give full details of A and O-level results each year to the Independent Schools Information Service, which would then make available any comparisons that parents wanted. It should be possible for a prospective parent to summon up these on the ISIS computer. Once that principle was established, it could be extended to other information such as the number of pupils going to Oxford and Cambridge as a percentage of the year group.

I write as an individual, and I have no doubt the organizations representing independent schools will oppose my suggestion. I think parents will welcome it. Is it not time the independent schools stopped treating them as though they were children who cannot be trusted with the facts?

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Ferdinand Mount

The flourishing art of lying

In *The Decay of Lying*, Oscar Wilde feared for the future of the fabricator's art. He claimed that "the fashion for lying has almost fallen into disrepute"; facts were everywhere; the twentieth century would be swamped by dreary realism. On the contrary, this has turned out to be the century of the con man. No falsehood has been too crude, blatant or improbable to be believed by somebody, often by several million somebodies. Wilde should really have written about *The Decay of Incredulity*.

So eager are we to believe in the sincerity of others that, when faced with an unmistakable whopper or series of whoppers, we prefer, if at all possible, to explain it away by saying "the man's mad." The lies Colonel Gaddafi tells are so repugnant to sense that we prefer to believe that he has lost his senses; the same with General Amin. The fact that such "madmen" survive in power for years and show considerable agility in retaining power forces us into the further reaches of amateur psychiatry: "psychopaths can be incredibly cunning," we mutter. But then how far does *professional* psychiatry reach? British psychiatrists scarcely covered themselves with glory in the case of the Yorkshire Ripper. Nor did their American counterparts do much better in the case of the Hillside Strangler, Kenneth Bianchi.

Bianchi's interrogation by the pyschiatrists was screened by the BBC just before Easter. Part One showed nice, well-spoken Ken going into a "trance" and turning into nasty, foul-mouthed Steve who was quite unmoved by having murdered 12 young women. The trance would not have deceived a 12-year-old child, yet it fooled all except one of the shrinks. Part Two showed the ever-sceptical Los Angeles police unmasking Bianchi as a liar, pimp and mugger-up of psychiatric literature.

Even this sort of evidence was not enough to satisfy the psychiatrists in the case of Peter Sutcliffe, who was diagnosed as "an incapsulated paranoid schizophrenic," that is someone with a bubble of madness in an otherwise unimpaired personality.

He could tell lie after lie to save his skin and still count as being mad, so long as there could be descried his belief in a "divine mission" to kill prostitutes. This reasoning has now apparently convinced the prison doctors too, and Sutcliffe has been transferred to Broadmoor. A book on Sutcliffe by Gordon Burn, to be published later this month, *Somebody's husband, somebody's son*, tends to confirm the jury's view of Sutcliffe's responsibility for his actions. A wretched family, a nasty mind disturbed by unpleasant experiences – but not too mad to manipulate his bubble of madness and keep it out of sight when it was inconvenient. Is it possible to deny that he could stop or start the evil *at will*?

The trouble is that as soon as the language of "patient-treatment-disease" is used, it is hard not to diagnose insanity in anyone who commits a really horrible act; for to be cured of mental disease is to be sane, and a sane man does not do such things; there is a merging of the language of medicine and the language of morality; if bad is sick, then sick is bad, and sane must be good. The more we treat someone as a patient, the likely we are to give his sincerity the benefit of the doubt. We tend to ask "What makes him behave like that" instead of "Is he telling the truth?" and "Could he behave differently if it was to his advantage?"

Confronted with the latest wonder-working guru, we tend to wonder, rather uneasily, whether he is really divinely inspired or merely a little nutty, instead of first asking whether a man can be God on earth and still collect Rolls-Royces

Without lessening our concern for the distressed in mind, we need to recover a sense of human cunning, a fascinating quality even when debased. The dimmest people are often extremely good at telling the most ingenious lies. And the secret of their success is our willingness to think of half a dozen reasons why they must be telling the truth. "He can't be lying, it is said:

"... because he couldn't keep it up that long." In fact, contrary to the myth put about by romantic fiction, people can live a lie quite happily for years.

"... because he couldn't possibly have the technical knowledge to make it all up". A couple of teach-yourself books and a white coat will go a long way.

"... because he has not got the imagination to invent it all". But fantasies come easy. It's the truth that's harder to describe.

"... because he cannot possibly think we'd believe him." But suppose he doesn't care. Or suppose that he has that liar's instinct for the improbable detail which convinces by its sheer inprobability.

"... because he has nothing to gain from the lie". But suppose he believes, in Wilde's words, that "the only form of lying that is beyond reproach is lying for its own sake"; suppose he believes in the sheer irresponsible exhilaration of making things up. We all know a few people like that, and they are usually not mad at all.

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Peter Hennessy on the secret world of the Cabinet committees

Whitehall's real power house

This week at least ten and maybe as many as 15 Cabinet committees will meet either in the Cabinet Office or the Cabinet Room at Number Ten. Unless the Downing Street press secretary is authorized to brief political correspondents, non-attributably, naturally, on what transpired at the meetings, there is little chance of MPs or the public finding out until a White Paper is published, a decision announced or even, in many instances, until January 1, 2025 when the files will be broken open at the Public Record Office under the 30-year rule.

Yet since 1916, when Lloyd George established the Cabinet Secretariat, the Cabinet machine has been the engine room of British central government and the Cabinet committees its working parts. They are where political power and bureaucratic power meet. They are the forum in which options are considered before decisions are set in concrete.

Anyone interested in understanding the real, hidden government in Whitehall – as opposed to the visible, semi-artificial version, shaped largely by presentational factors – which dominates life at Westminster, must concentrate on the Cabinet committees. Very rarely is life in the engine-room penetrated by outsiders, whether they be journalists, MPs on a select committee or scholarly researchers. When it is, another time-honoured part of the Whitehall apparatus creaks into action – the leak inquiry machine.

Only one other nation in the western world practices private government on this scale: the Republic of Ireland. A study, conducted last year by Dr Brian Hogwood and Mr Tom Mackie of Strathclyde University discovered that all the OECD nations which operate a parliamentary system were prepared to give them their Cabinet committee lists, with the exception of Whitehall and Dublin.

In fact, Mrs Thatcher has gone further than any previous prime minister in opening up the Cabinet committee system. She has acknowledged the existence of four – economic strategy, home affairs, legislation and oversea and defence (see chart where these are depicted as EA, H, L and OD). *The Times* knows of the existence of a further 48. Which leaves roughly another 85 to 90 to go.

Latest intelligence suggests that Mrs Thatcher's engine room consists of some 25 standing committees and about 110 ad hoc groups known as MISCs (for Miscellaneous). Ministers have been near paranoid of late about leaks. They might consider just how little is known before complaining about how much has seeped out. The score, in Cabinet committee terms, is very nearly Secrecy 3, Open government 1.

Even a partial plan of Mrs Thatcher's engine room is revealing about her style of government. Firstly, its size is trim by post-1945 standards. Mr Attlee's engine room was a monstrous 466 committees, accumulated in six and a quarter years. Mr Callaghan amassed about 190 in three years. At 135 to 140 in exactly five years, Mrs Thatcher is doing well in combating committee-mania. But her machine is far bigger than she bargained for in May 1979. On entering Number Ten she told her top officials she did not want any Cabinet committees at all. "Events", as one of them put it, "soon took care of that".

She has kept her Cabinet machine slim in comparison to Mr Callaghan, for example, by brigading functions into one body or by almost ignoring some policy areas altogether. For example, there is now no separate standing ministerial committee on Northern Ireland. It is handled by OD. The glaring gap in our chart is social policy. The Wilson and Callaghan engine rooms had several clusters of ad hoc groups. What little discussion of social policy today is taken by H or in committees established for negative purposes, like MISC 87 on the deindexation of benefits.

Normally, Cabinet committees are a good guide to a government's real priorities by revealing where the action is in Whitehall. Sometimes this sub-branch of Kremlinology breaks down. For example, the cabinet committee on reform of the House of Lords, H(HL), met but only a few times and the only outcome was a decision that nothing should be done.

Sir Maurice Hankey, the first Secretary of the Cabinet, would instantly recognize his and Lloyd George's handiwork if the list kept by Sir Robert Armstrong, Mrs Thatcher's Secretary of the Cabinet, reached that part of heaven in which deceased permanent secretaries are corralled. There is the traditional distinction between standing and ad hoc groups, committees made up of ministers and those containing only officials. There are one or two mixed bodies, like the Civil Contingencies Unit which handles emergencies caused by industrial disturbance (another Lloyd George invention; he called it The Supply and Transport Committee).

The reason for this, on the face of it, remarkable survival of a 1916-model Cabinet machine, is the mysterious process by which power is transferred in Britain from one prime minister to another. The second person a new premier sees on entering Downing Street (the first is the Principal Private Secretary) is the Cabinet Secretary, the wearer of Hankey's mantle. He delineates certain urgent matters crying out for decision and suggests the kind of groups the prime minister's newly-appointed senior ministers might like to form for the purpose. Before a new incumbent knows where he or she is, there before his or her eyes is a 68-year-old system for running Britain.

When it comes to committees, Whitehall is like successive Russian armies which melt away into ice and snow as soon as their opponents try to engage them. Even if by some miracle (like a kind soul putting the full list of Cabinet committees in the post) all the bits of Mrs Thatcher's formal engine room were uncovered, the picture would still be incomplete. She has a penchant for handling difficult or delicate issues with informal ad hoc groups of ministers, officials and aides from the Downing Street Policy Unit, none of which enjoy the formal status of a Cabinet committee. She has an economic group for really market-sensitive decisions. There is another group, currently active, watching every development in the coalfields. There is even one pondering the future structure of the Property Services Agency.

The Cabinet committee list is an extended version of a chart contained in Sources Close to the Prime Minister *by Michael Cockerell, Peter Hennessy and David Walker, to be published by Macmillan on June 7, £9.95.*

CABINET OFFICE

Committee Initials	Chairman	Functions
ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL		
EA	Margaret Thatcher (Prime Minister)	Economic strategy, energy policy, changes in labour law, the most important EEC matters
E(EX)	Margaret Thatcher	Exports policy
E(NI)	Margaret Thatcher	Public sector strategy and oversight of the nationalized industries
E(NF)	Nigel Lawson (Chancellor of the Exchequer)	Nationalized industry finance
NIP	Nick Monck (Treasury official)	Official committee on nationalized industry policy
E(PSP)	Nigel Lawson	Public sector and public service pay policy
E(DL)	Nigel Lawson	Disposal and privatization of state assets
E(PU)	Norman Tebbit (Trade & Industry Secretary)	"Buy British" policy for public purchasing
E(CS)	Peter Rees (Chief Secretary)	Civil Service pay and contingency plans for Civil Service strikes
E(OCS)	Peter le Cheminant (Cabinet Office official)	Official committee for preparing contingency plans
PESC	John Anson (Treasury official)	Committee of finance officers handling the annual public expenditure survey
OVERSEA AND DEFENCE		
OD	Margaret Thatcher	Foreign affairs, defence and Northern Ireland
OD(O)	Sir Robert Armstrong (Cabinet Secretary)	Permanent secretaries group working to OD
OD(E)	Sir Geoffrey Howe (Foreign Secretary)	EEC policy
EQ(S)	David Williamson (Cabinet Office official)	Committee of deputy secretaries steering OD(E)
EQ(O)	David Hannay (Foreign Office official)	Official committee on routine EEC business
OD(SA)	Margaret Thatcher	Committee on the South Atlantic, the so-called "War Cabinet" of 1982
OD(FOF)	Margaret Thatcher	Committee on the future of the Falklands
Northern Ireland Group	Lord Whitelaw (Lord President)	Preparation of future initiatives
HOME, LEGISLATION AND INFORMATION		
L	John Biffen (Leader of the House)	Future legislation and Queen's speech
H	Lord Whitelaw	Home affairs and social policy, including education
CCU	Lord Whitelaw	The Civil Contingencies Unit of the Cabinet Office which plans for the maintenance of essential supplies and services during industrial disputes
H(HL)	Lord Whitelaw	Reform of the House of Lords
HD	Leon Brittan (Home Secretary)	Home (ie civil) defence
HD(O)	David Goodall (Cabinet Office official)	Official committee shadowing HD
HD(P)	David Heaton (Home Office official)	Updating of central and local government civil defence plans
TWC	Sir Robert Armstrong	Transition to War Committee which updates the "War Book" for the mobilization of Whitehall and the Armed Forces in a period of international tension
ECM	Peter le Cheminant	Monthly meeting of Whitehall establishment officers on industrial and personnel policy
M10	Bernard Ingham (No 10 Press Secretary)	Weekly meeting of chief information officers
M10(E)	Bernard Ingham	Special group for handling economic information. Now meets infrequently because of persistent leaking
INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY		
MIS	Margaret Thatcher	Ministerial steering committee on intelligence which supervises MI5, MI6 and GCHQ and fixes budget priorities
PSIS	Sir Robert Armstrong	Permanent secretaries' steering group on intelligence: prepares briefs for ministerial group
JIC	Sir Antony Duff (Cabinet Office official)	Joint Intelligence Committee which prepares assessments for ministers collating intelligence from all sources and circulating them weekly in the "Red Book"
JIC(EA)	Sir Antony Duff	Economic intelligence assessments
SPM	Sir Robert Armstrong	Security and policy methods in the Civil Service
Official Com'tee on Security	Sir Robert Armstrong	Permanent secretaries' group on internal security
Pers'nel Security Com'tee	Sir Robert Armstrong	Official group supervising the working of positive vetting, polygraphs, etc
AD HOC		
MISC 3	John Dempster (Lord Chancellor's Dept official)	Public records policy
MISC 7	Margaret Thatcher	Replacement of the Polaris force with Trident
MISC 14	Nigel Lawson	Policy innovations
MISC 15	Formerly head of Think Tank; post now defunct	Official group for briefing MISC 14
MISC 21	Lord Whitelaw	Ministerial committee which meets each autumn to fix the level of rate and transport support grant for local authorities
MISC 32	David Goodall	Deployment of the Armed Forces outside the Nato area
MISC 42	David Goodall	Military assistance (eg training of personnel) for the armed services of friendly powers
MISC 51	David Goodall	Commodities needed for strategic purposes, eg oil
MISC 58	John Dempster	Liberalizing the declassification of official documents
MISC 62	Lord Whitelaw	The "Star Chamber" for forcing spending cuts on departmental ministers
MISC 79	Lord Whitelaw	Alternatives to domestic rates: rate-capping
MISC 83	David Goodall	Internal constitutional arrangements for the Falklands
MISC 87	Nigel Lawson	De-indexing of benefits
MISC 91	Margaret Thatcher	Choice of ALARM anti-radar missile
MISC 95	Margaret Thatcher	Abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan counties

Anne Sofer

Shaping up to the Nineties bulge

In the television interview Mrs Thatcher gave to Sir Robin Day a few weeks ago, she used a turn of phrase which stuck in my mind. Questioned about the huge numbers of unemployed young people, she replied that one of the explanations was, of course, that, "we have this great big demographic *thing*".

Her performance was generally assessed by the press next day as glitteringly forceful and stunningly articulate, but it does seem to me astonishing that this example of verbal sloppiness should go wholly unremarked.

However, it is not Mrs Thatcher's style I want to write about today, but the "great big demographic thing" itself; and not that part of it that she was referring to – the bulge in the 18-21 age group – but to the demographic roller-coaster that follows it. The educational manpower planners are faced with a problem which can be summed up as follows. The shrinking 5-16 age group that is now causing closures and amalgamations of schools up and down the country will have to provide a growing number of teachers for the present toddler bulge that is following on its heels.

To try to give life to the statistics (which are usefully summarized in a dry little fact sheet put out by the DES last year, *Teacher numbers – looking ahead to 1995*) I have found it helpful to imagine Sir Keith Joseph addressing, as I am sure he frequently does, a conference of sixth-formers. To make the sums simple I have assumed that out of an audience of 200 or so, 140 are following an A-level course.

Of those, 40 will fail to become "qualified leavers" within the DES's definition – that is they will not pass in two or more A levels. Of the remaining 100 (crème de la academic crème, most of whom will proceed to higher education), only eight will be needed to go into teaching in four years, and only three into secondary teaching – therefore, perhaps only one or two into the teaching of maths and science on which our future as an advanced technological economy may depend.

Accompanying Sir Keith on this imaginary outing, disguised perhaps as the DES official responsible for the calculations, I can feel moderately confident, scanning the rows of eager faces, that one or two such torch-bearers can be found.

But now imagine Sir Keith's successor (for even though he has been an enduring Secretary of State for Education I doubt if he will still be in that post in 11 years' time) addressing a similar conference in 1995. The total age-group in the country will be smaller, but let us assume that this particular institution has kept up its numbers (through the closure of others, most likely) and that an unchanged examination system will have failed the same proportion. But this time, out of the remaining 100, 21 will be needed for teaching, 13 of those in the secondary sector, and six or seven of those in maths and the "hard" sciences.

Some may feel that this is good long-term news for unemployed graduates. But this is a problem that exists predominantly on the arts side. Scientists and mathematicians have tended even during the recession to get snapped up. And here is a very serious problem for Sir Keith Joseph. He has decreed that the existing number of science and maths places are to be retained during the forthcoming reduction in higher education places. He has even decreed an increase in engineering places. There is general agreement that these numbers – implying as they do an enormous and rapid shift in the A level choices of 16-year-olds – may be very hard to achieve. Even if they are achieved, they may – if the sunrise industries boom as we all hope they will – be barely enough to satisfy the demands of industry for numerate, computer-confident and scientifically literate graduates. Where on earth are the extra maths and science teachers to come from?

The debate about the "demand for higher education" has been universally interpreted as a demand coming from below – the coming generations pounding over the traditional examination hurdles towards the 18-year-old finishing line in a form of academic athletics that guarantees that the vast majority will fall before the end. Those who have argued against the higher education cuts have argued either that a more ambitious (i.e. more middle-class) generation is limbering up for the hurdle-race, or that other athletic events (technical post-16 courses, "mature entry") should be counted as qualifying heats. But both these arguments ignore a very much stronger one – that is the other dimension to demand; the demand of the future economy.

Ten years is a desperately short time in the history of educational reform: but it is daily becoming more obvious that some sort of emergency operation is needed. We need a higher proportion of young people staying in education, studying across the academic range (including maths and science) until 18, and not failing. This means both a drastic revision of the examination system and a general and rapid raising of standards. Sir Keith Joseph knows this very well, and implied as much in his speech at Sheffield in January. But herein lies the contradiction: if his policy for raising standards succeeds, his policy for reducing higher education places will frustrate its purpose.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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EXPLANATIONS WANTED

The public as well as the House of Commons will expect a full and candid statement from the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, this week about the circumstances surrounding the atrocity committed from the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square and the agreement eventually reached with the Libyan government to allow the occupants of the premises, including the murderer of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, to leave Britain in freedom.

Mr Brittan's task is unenviable, for there is no way in which this episode and its ending (ballyhoo in the media about the return from Tripoli of our own diplomats and their families notwithstanding) can be presented as other than a humiliation for the United Kingdom. Murder was committed on our streets from an embassy safe-house, and there was nothing we could do to bring the criminal to justice without unacceptable consequences and without infringing the Vienna Convention to which we are in honour committed, and which now clearly needs amendment.

Given all the circumstances, including the risks to so many British nationals in Libya, and the virtual impossibility of getting a conviction of the criminal without Libyan co-operation, there was in the end no practical alternative to the course finally adopted to end the siege of the St James's Square premises. It is not, therefore, so much the way in which this horrible affair ended as the circumstances from which it arose on which minds should now be concentrated.

The questions fall into two distinct categories. First, there are those relating to the time immediately before the murder of WPC Fletcher and the attack from the former embassy on Libyan demonstrators outside. Above all, there is the matter of the alleged radio message from Tripoli which is believed to have revealed, when de-coded, that the instructions to use force against the demonstrators came the night before the event from Colonel Gaddafi. Mr Brittan should state whether there was a such a message, and if there was, he should describe its nature. He should say whether any such message was decoded in time to have enabled precautions to be taken against what occurred, to whom it was passed and why (assuming this was the case) it did not reach Whitehall in time. Did it, furthermore, give any indication of the bomb explosion at Heathrow on Good Friday?

These are all important question relating to the immediate circumstances to which the government must give clear answers through Mr Brittan and on which, if it fails in any repect that cannot clearly be justified by security, it must be pressed until it is forthcoming enough. But there are deeper and perhaps, ultimately, more important issues behind this affair which are not for Mr Brittan but for the Prime Minister or the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, to answer. They concern the role of the Foreign Office which has responsibility for the policy which led to these events.

It is the Foreign Office which has been responsible for the policy of maintaining diplomatic relations with the Libyan government, despite the take-over of the embassy by revolutionary "students" who were Colonel Gaddafi's agents, and when it was already clear (even if firm evidence, in the nature of the case, was unavailable) that these premises provided a head-quarters for the terrorism that was already being unleashed against Libyan dissidents in Britain on Colonel Gaddafi's open instructions.

To the argument that there should have been much firmer insistence on a return to the diplomatic decencies as the price of maintaining our diplomatic relations with Libya, the Foreign Office's answer (via Mr Brittan) is, apparently, that British policy was firm enough since it refused to accord the "students" the status of diplomats. But that was all the more reason in logic for refusing to maintain diplomatic relations with the government that put them in charge of its "Bureau." Once more, diplomatic timorousness has brought about the dangers it has sought to avoid.

The Foreign Office has displayed its inbuilt disposition to regard diplomacy as an end in itself; to keep talking with people at all costs, whoever the people are and almost whatever their behaviour; and to avoid a critical appraisal of what lies at the end of a line of diplomacy. In many respects, the Foreign Office is regarded as a firm within a firm, and certainly Sir Geoffrey Howe (who was perambulating the Far East during the siege of St James's) has shown no sign of taking the fundamentals of Foreign Office policy in hand (what Foreign Secretary ever has?) as he took in hand the policy of the Treasury as Chancellor and, with the Prime Minister as his goad, changed it.

Far more than most Cabinet ministers, Foreign Secretaries tend to become creatures of their department which inflicts on its ministers a punishing programme of foreign travel keeping them circulating the globe like smooth-talking Flying Dutchmen. In the periods when they do come to rest, they have neither the time nor the spirits to get to grips with the fundamentals of policy; or to ask the basic sceptical questions about existing policy that are the principal contribution of a department's political head.

These deeper questions of the Foreign Office's role in the making of policy over Libya deserve thorough enquiry, along with the other circumstances of the crime in St James's Square. A long and laborious enquiry by an independent commission may not, however, be the best way of going about it. An investigation by the Commons' Select Committee on Foreign Affairs is probably better, and on the evidence of the Grenada inquiry, could do what was necessary. It should take on this task, for however candid Mr Brittan is in the House this week, he will not be able to answer all the questions which have been raised by this lamentable episode.

LOCAL VOTES MATTER

Expressing a ballot box preference in matters of government – including the government of those powerful corporations the trade unions – is a distillation of political will; take one such expression away and the culture of a mature, self-governing people may be diminished. For that reason municipal elections do count. Low turn-outs – predictable though they are – occasion dismay. On Thursday this week electors in an array of district council areas throughout England and Scotland and in parts of Wales have an important choice. Their very presence at the polling booths in this year of rate-capping and major council reorganization cannot but be an implicit statement about this organ of self-government.

In at least two of Thursday's contests there are impressive local stakes. In Birmingham the electorate has an opportunity to pass judgment on the administration, since 1982, of Mr Neville Bosworth and the Conservatives. They have cut the rates (thanks, it must be said, to some luck from the lottery of the rates support grant settlement). They have secured a reorganization of that most basic of municipal services, refuse collection and have gone some distance down the road of confronting the pretensions of the National and Local Government Officers' Association. Birmingham politics offer also a Labour Party still dominated if not by the "moderates" then by men and women who accept Chamberlain-ite limits on municipal activity. What a pity if the brick innards of this city did not resound on Thursday with a genuinely local clash of individuals and programmes.

So, too, in Liverpool. Let no one pretend that the "people" are always right. It would be wrong for the electors of Liverpool, an abandonment of the port-city's fibrous civic tradition, to condone the programme being set before them by Mr Derek Hatton and the Labour Party majority. His utopianism is dangerous. Their judgment could precipitate the budgetary crisis which has loomed since March 29 and with it the need for some external involvement whether through the mechanism of the district auditor and the courts or directly (and very much the last gasp) from the Department of the Environment. But which is the greater enemy – mistaken electoral choice or apathy?

Local government has, sad to say, always been a pursuit of minorities. This was as true of such great struggles (now obtaining mythological proportions) as in Poplar in the 1920s when, on a restricted franchise, less than 40 per cent of electors voted for George Lansbury and the socialists, as in the election of the Greater London Council in 1981 which brought Mr Livingstone to fame and fortune. No one can fully respect an electoral system in which – according to a reputable poll paid for by the GLC last year – barely two per cent of Londoners could name the councillor elected for their constituency and claiming to speak on their behalf. This figure holds elsewhere. It debilitates the claim of representativeness made by local government's friends.

Yet ministers and all those concerned about the mismatch within local government of taxing, spending and voting should not rejoice either in civic ignorance or in apathy at the polls – however tempted they may be this week to claim that the likely size of the non-voters' block is an endorsement of their policies towards the councils. Local apathy (and the tissue of resentments and alienation it may conceal) ultimately infects democratic politics in the nation at large. Local government, unfortunately, may be a minority pursuit from which the people in their majority turn away – as this week may again show – but the issues with which it deals are real and affect us all.

NEW ONSLAUGHT ON THE AFGHANS

The assault on the Panjshir Valley shows that the war in Afghanistan is being intensified under President Chernenko; it does not, however, suggest any fundamental change in Soviet policy. The saturation bombing by planes based across the border in the USSR, and dramatic increase in the number of Soviet troops, indicate a renewed determination to end the war by crushing the largest centres of opposition.

As rulers of a multinational empire, the Soviet leaders fear that withdrawing their troops from this neighbouring territory might encourage separatist movements in the USSR itself. According to dissident sources, five people were arrested in Dushanbe, capital of the Soviet republic of Tadzhikistan, for circulating leaflets protesting against the war. Said to have links with the *mujahidin*, they were transferred to Moscow for further interrogation. Other reports of Afghan partisans penetrating the USSR's Muslim republics to spread the Islamic revolt confirm that the Kremlin has reason for concern.

Because of Western radio broadcasts which have included the first-hand accounts of Soviet soldiers who deserted or were captured, Soviet citizens have a growing awareness of the true state of affairs; this directly contradicts the official explanation, unchanged since Brezhnev. The Kremlin marked the sixth anniversary of the communist takeover in Kabul by sending a message to President Karmal reassuring him that Moscow's "internationalist aid" would continue to uphold "the gains of the April Revolution". But since 1979 more than 20,000 Soviet soldiers have been killed or badly maimed, and casualties on this scale demand some public acknowledgement.

The newspaper of the Defence Ministry, *Krasnaya Zvezda*, recently told its readers of a heroic lieutenant who volunteered for service in Afghanistan but had both feet blown off by a mine during an earlier action in the Panjshir Valley. Awarded a medal and fitted with artificial limbs, he was allowed to continue his army career "by way of an exception". Another article had a major on leave telling his young son of the death of a comrade, "the pride of our battalion", who was posthumously decorated for valour. The reality, however, is often very different, as the youth newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* pointed out. A young soldier, paralysed by a sniper's bullet, was invalided home to his mother's tiny flat, unable in his invalid chair to enter or leave independently, and abandoned by the heartless local authorities.

As the impact of the war strikes home, demonstrations of opposition are bound to increase. The pressure is on the Soviet leaders to end the war quickly, even at the cost of dramatic escalation of the fighting; but their dilemma is no reason for the West to shirk its responsibility to support the *mujahidin* in their liberation struggle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VAT threat to quality of urban life

From Sir Terence Conran

Sir, The proposed imposition of VAT on refurbishment of buildings will, I believe, have a very deleterious effect on the quality of the environment of his country.

My company has worked with various developers in this last year, and has successfully restored an old maltings building, a fine example of a 1930s garage, two 19th century churches and most recently, the Heal's Building. All of these conversions were marginally viable in true economic terms, but provide us with unusual and interesting stores which we and our customers like and which also help to enliven architecturally the areas that they are in. Many of these projects would not have been possible if they had been 15 per cent more expensive.

I am also personally involved in trying to put together a financially viable scheme for the redevelopment of Butlers Wharf, a twelve acre site in Docklands where the vast majority of the buildings are superb listed warehouses. VAT added to the cost is likely to turn this into an unprofitable venture.

This experience leads me to suspect that the Government has not properly considered the effects of VAT on their desire to accelerate the progress of inner city revitalisation. I'm sure it will be disastrous.

If VAT must be collected on building work then surely it would be wiser to levy a lesser amount on all construction of old and new buildings which would *both* then have to try and adjust to the market on equal terms.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE CONRAN,
Habitat/Mothercare plc,
The Heal's Building,
196 Tottenham Court Road, W1.
April 25.

From the President of the British Property Federation

Sir, Your leader of April 25 ("A tax on reconstruction") exposes admirably the shortcomings of the arguments for extending VAT on building operations in the way proposed in the Finance Bill. Unfortunately your conclusion, for all its apparent logic, would be likely to lead in practice to even greater harm.

Governments are often willing in practice to tolerate or perpetuate woolly tax borderlines if they can benefit from them financially. That is no doubt why the Chancellor proposes not to do away with the unsatisfactory present borderline but to move it to a place where it will bring in more revenue, albeit at even greater cost to the environment and the economy.

Your proposal to do away with the anomalies by extending VAT across the board to all building operations is a recipe for compounding the damage. It is a triumph of hope over experience to suppose that even if VAT were introduced at a low rate it would not subsequently creep up.

More fundamentally, it is the job of government – and a proclaimed aim of this government – to create conditions in which costs and prices stay down and worthwhile economic activity can grow. To fulfil this aim it would be entirely logical to remove VAT from building operations altogether or, if this is impossible for revenue reasons, at least not to extend its scope.

Any extension of VAT in the field of construction, especially when the charge cannot be passed on to the end user, is bound to reduce legitimate building activity, and to have adverse consequences for employment and for standards of efficiency in industry and commerce.

That is why, in its submissions to the Government, the British Property Federation has recommended a limitation of the damage by excluding from VAT the substantial refurbishment or reconstruction of buildings which cannot or should not be demolished and by providing proper transitional arrangements with full zero-rating for building operations for which commitments had already been incurred by Budget day.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS MARLER, President,
British Property Federation,
35 Catherine Place, SW1.
April 26.

Surface ships at war

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton

Sir, Sir Ronald Mason writes (April 14) from the British Atlantic Committee, no doubt to convey the misleading impression that he represents the views of that committee, which is still sharply divided over the issues to which he refers, as will become clear at their council meeting next month.

Sir Ronald offers what he is pleased to describe as "more factual" observations on the trans-atlantic reinforcement and resupply problem in wartime. None of his four *ex-parte* statements has any more basis in fact than Mr Scargill's claim that we produce the cheapest deep-mined coal.

These two assertions of personal opinion share the naive belief that if a statement is made loud enough and often enough quite a lot of people may come to believe it. This will not do for an adult debate about a serious and difficult subject. It can, and must, proceed between expert practitioners of all disciplines, without the grinding of personal "high-tech" axes.

As for Sir Ronald's sneer at the "interested parties" who wish to add more surface warships (to the Allied and national fleets), they include the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic and the Commander-in-chief of Britain's Fleet, whose requirements, so far from being "ill-defined", are precise and explicit. I know whose opinion I prefer.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
HILL-NORTON,
House of Lords,
April 17.

Landscaping and BR

From Colonel J. F. Williams-Wynne

Sir, Your correspondents on this topic seem to imply that "landscaping" means planting trees alongside roads and railway lines.

Please may I draw attention to the dangers which trees cause when so planted and to the fact that most prudent landowners nowadays are not only taking out unlimited insurance cover but are actually felling any tree which might possibly be a risk.

It was, of course, different when traffic was horse-drawn and slow moving and it is astonishing that trees have been put alongside roads and railway lines, with perhaps the most extraordinary example being the very narrow strip between the north-bound carriageway of the M1 and the Euston to Glasgow main line just south of the Watford Gap service area. Along that particular stretch trains travel at up to 100 mph whilst road traffic goes almost as fast.

Bushes are a different matter and can be used not only as a screen but also as a windbreak. To plant trees in close proximity to high-speed traffic seems to me crazy, whatever the need for landscaping.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WILLIAMS-WYNNE,
Peniarth,
Tywyn, Merioneth.

Missing manpower

From the Reverend C. C. R. Merivale

Sir, For some months I have been negotiating with the Richmondshire District Council, in their capacity as agents for the MSC, in the hope of carrying out urgent renovation in our parish church.

This week I received a letter informing me that the work could not be done because, and I quote, "we have not been able to recruit sufficient labour".

Yours faithfully,
C. C. R. MERIVALE,
The Vicarage,
Hawes,
North Yorkshire.
April 21.

Mother and son

From Mr Anthony West

Sir, I could wish that Ms Glendinning had seen fit to disclose her interest somewhere in her letter to you (April 14) attacking my credibility in all matters relating to Dame Rebecca West. Ms Glendinning writes to you in the role of Dame Rebecca's official biographer, and as Dame Rebecca's own choice of official biographer at that.

I may add that when Ms Glendinning initially approached me, asking me to talk with her about my troubled relationship with Dame Rebecca, she was good enough to inform me that her feeling for her subject was reverential. I made it plain to her that mine was not, and that my attitude was rooted in my vital experience.

On that basis we met, and our meeting was followed by an exchange of correspondence. Ms Glendinning has assured me that my letters have been useful to her in matters of background and atmosphere if in nothing else.

Interestingly enough, the latest of her letters to me, dated April 17, gives me the telephone number at which I am to reach her when she next comes to this country, and concludes by telling me that she is mine "as ever".

I assume from this that I am not to take her letter to you, Sir, altogether seriously. For my part I will not do so, and I hope that those of your readers who gave the thing their momentary attention will follow my example.

I am, yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WEST,
Box 122,
Fisher's Island,
New York 06390. USA.
April 22.

Lead-free petrol plea

From Mr Des Wilson and others

Sir, As active supporters of the campaign to stop the addition of lead to petrol, we note with concern that a full year has passed since ministers announced their intention to take this step and there is still no indication of a date for the introduction of lead-free petrol or for the availability of cars manufactured to run on it.

We are aware that the issue will be discussed in June at a meeting of EEC ministers and we believe it imperative that the British representatives at that meeting insist on an earlier date than the best British proposal at the moment – "by 1990 at the latest".

We draw your attention to the fact that West Germany intends to act by 1986-87, and that an EEC working party has exhaustively considered the economics and technicalities of the issue and come to the conclusion that the introduction of lead-free petrol is both practical and less costly than the vested interests have claimed.

While the evidence of exact health ill-effects will remain controversial, possibly for years to come, the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution that it would be prudent to create a "substantially greater safety margin for the populaion as a whole by taking all practical steps to reduce man-made dispersal of lead and human exposure to it" is as valid today as it was in April, 1983.

Before the decision to move to lead-free petrol was announced shortly before the election last year, some expressed the cynical view that there was a link between the two events; we trust a firm British line in Europe, and the choice of the earliest practical date for action, will now prove that cynicism unjustified and encourage the relevant industries to take the necessary steps to implement the advice of the royal commission, the decision of the Government, and the will of the British people as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
DES WILSON,
ELIZABETH ACKROYD,
JANE EWART-BIGGS,
AVEBURY,
KELVIN SPENCER,
D. G. WIBBERLEY,
ROBIN RUSSELL JONES,
JAMES BEVAN,
CHRISTOPHER BRASHER,
TONY SMYTHE,
The Campaign for Lead-free Air,
2 Northdown Street, N1.
April 16.

Setting a fair price for new books

From Mr R. G. M. Clow and Mr W. T. C. Anderson

Sir, It is regrettable that E. J. Craddock, in his article on publishing (April 24), appears to know little about the British book trade (both publishing and bookselling). If he had researched the history of the trade he would have discovered that the abolition of the net book agreement (NBA) would not cure all the ills of the booktrade, but would in fact create chaos.

The article argued that books are too expensive and that if retail price maintenance was removed, they would become cheaper. This may well be true in the case of bestsellers like the novels of Jeffrey Archer and Frederick Forsyth. But for the majority of those authors not fortunate enough to have a readership on such a scale, the cost of their books will be higher.

Publishers are not, if the NBA is abolished, going to increase their terms to independent booksellers to allow them to cut prices in competition with the large chain stores; so to offset the reductions on bestsellers the "more-than-ephemeral titles" are going to become even more unsaleable.

Both books picked by Mr Craddock "almost at random" as examples of over -pricing are so priced because their print-runs are low. This is because the publishers realise that the market is small.

If the NBA was abolished there is no doubt whatsoever that these books would never see the light of day. Similarly, these particular publishers, who care about publishing good quality books catering for a diversity of interests, would also disappear.

Book clubs exist because they can, after a preiod of six months, compete in price against bookshops, but if the shops were to lose their restriction, the clubs would lose their competitve edge. Paperbacks are the instantaneous success that they are because the interest in the title has grown whilst it was available only in hardback. The sales of paperbacks would not be so immediately spectacular (and the price probably higher) if they were to hit the shelves cold.

As for remainders, one has only to look as far as the recent success of the Susan Reynold's chain to see the results of a cost-cutting operation – the empire is now in the hands of the Official Receiver.

Books are not expensive when compared to other items competing for leisure time spending, and compare favourably with, say, a meal in a restaurant, a night out at the theatre, or even a pair of shoes. A book can be re-read, borrowed or stolen on innumerable occasions – a meal is not so appetising the second time round!

The imposition of VAT on books is a smokescreen. The government of whatever hue would find it difficult to justify VAT on books for precisely the reasons that Mr Craddock, in company with the French as well as the Irish governments, only too well knows.

In France the demise of bookshops after Giscard abolished retail price maintenance was such that the Government had to re-establish it. This prevented the French book trade from disintegrating further into Gallic chaos – a state not dissimilar to that in which the British book trade found itself prior to the establishment of the net book agreement in January, 1900.

If the public and the trade want a healthy, broad-based industry, then the NBA has to remain. The agreement is there to protect the book-buying public, allowing the customer to make his choice from as wide a selection as is possible. Does Mr Craddock really want to narrow the market?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT G. M. CLOW,
WILLIAM ANDERSON,
John Smith & Son (Glasgow) Ltd.
57 St Vincent Street,
Glasgow.
April 25.

Shylock revisited

From Mr Peter Robinson

Sir, Having broken through an obvious reticence William Frankel's article (April 12) on the new RSC *Merchant of Venice* displays many signs of that philistinism and paranoia which bedevils Jews, and others, who have pointed out the play's anti-semitism. Mr Frankel's lament fails, however, to inspire any sympathy for his viewpoint because it so crudely plays upon guilt-feelings towards Jews which are beyond the bounds of the play. The Holocaust augments our appreciation of the play, increases forcibly our awareness of Shylock's predicament but it adds not one whit to the play's meaning.

Mr Frankel's paranoia is evident in the blurring of several important distinctions. He confuses the motives behind the presentations of Shylock by actors such as Keane, Irving, Olivier, and O'Toole. The portrayals of the two latter are indeed likely to have been prompted by Nazi atrocities, but the former? The artist's interest in experiment, innovation, response to that very speech ("Hath not a Jew eyes"), surely, has much a role as any concern at racial fair play.

This tradition of the nobly suffering Jew is then elevated to the status of a "convention". But a convention between whom? Successive generations of actors, or actors/directors and Jewish members of audiences? Further distinctions are blurred in the polemical onrush – that between an audience's applause for a speech's meaning, and a speech's delivery, for instance. Does applause for Macbeth condone the murder of kings? I think not.

One's conclusion is that Mr Frankel has wilfully exaggerated the anti-semitism of the play into a statement of anti-semitism by Ian McDiarmid and that he seriously construes audiences to be willing to enter into a grand conspiracy. The tone of this article does no justice to its author's obvious concern.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROBINSON,
2 Ypres Road,
Colchester, Essex.
April 17.

Caring partnership

From the Reverend Christopher Hamel Cooke and the Reverend Richard McLaren

Sir, Following the announcement of the Government's proposed enquiry into GP services and primary health care we would like to draw attention to the urgent need for better co-operation between the caring professions working in the community. Too often the genuine appreciation of another discipline's contribution is made less effective by lack of proper communication and organization.

For instance, the work of doctors and clergy overlaps considerably, especially in helping people suffering from depression, stress and sheer loneliness – states that often result from wider problems like unemployment and marital breakdown.

In these conditions we believe that treatment and ministry belong together. Indeed we have just announced our agreement to work together in partnership with a nearby medical practice in the proposed Healing Centre in the crypt of St Marylebone Church. This arrangement should enable a much more comprehensive service and efficient pattern of referral.

To our knowledge this practical expression of partnership at St Marylebone between medicine and religion is unique in this country – certainly in the provision of outpatient care. Thus we hope plans will be of value to the debate and catch the imagination of your readers.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER HAMEL COOKE,
Director,
RICHARD McLAREN, Appeal Director,
St Marylebone Healing & Counselling Centre,
St Marylebone Parish Church,
Marylebone Road, NW1.
April 19.

Embassy outrage

From Mr J. G. Chapman

Sir, Can you explain the deafening silence from the EEC regarding the Libyan Bureau affair?

I would have thought that the incident would have brought an immediate condemnation from Brussels at the very least. Surely it can be seen that what has happened in London, could easily have occurred in Paris, Bonn, Rome or any of the other EEC capitals.

Such prompt action by the EEC leaders would surely have made some impact on Colonel Gaddafi's mind. It might also have shown some of us who are losing our enthusiasm for the European ideal that maybe the high net cost to the UK has its compensations.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. CHAPMAN,
74 High Road,
Hockley, Essex.
April 23.

Unfair daffodils

From Ms Patricia A Tyrrell

Sir, I am delighted to learn from Dr Croft (April 23) that I am not the only person being ostracized by daffodils.

Mine insist on facing the street when they bloom and are consequently at right angles to the house. I agree that sun direction has nothing to do with it and have come to the conclusion that they disapprove of my life-style but wish to keep track of me with an occasional sideways glance.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA A. TYRRELL,
3 Edgcumbe Road,
Roche,
St Austell, Cornwall.
April 23.

From Mrs Barbara Milne

Sir, Dr Croft should really not complain about a flower with such highly placed poetic connections, and his wife, as he observes, is quite wrong to tell him that they are looking at the sun. What they are looking at, being aesthetic by nature is the view.

We have many daffodils in our woodland, which faces north-east, but they too turn their backs on the sun to admire the magnificent view over Porlock Vale and the sea towards Wales, their homeland!

Dr Croft should realise that flowers with such sensitivity cannot be dragooned; rather, he must learn from them and seek solace and peace in these things of beauty, thereby acquiring "joy forever"!

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA MILNE,
Woodborough,
Porlock Weir,
Minehead, Somerset.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this morning attended a Service at Little St Mary's Church, Cambridge.

Her Royal Highness later attended a Reception held for members of the Church at Peterhouse.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 28: The Duchess of Kent today attended the Concerto finals of the 1984 BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition which was held at Free Trade Hall, Manchester.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

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April 29: The Duke of Kent, President of the Scout Association, this afternoon attended The Queen's Scouts Parade and Service at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 28: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at the 38th Reunion of the Burma Star Association at the Royal Albert Hall.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, will be present at a fund raising dinner to be held by the Avon/Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Group at the Crest Hotel, Hambrook, Avon on May 18.

The King of Sweden is 38 today.

Today is the birthday of Princess Juliana of The Netherlands.

Requiem Mass

Lieutenant-Colonel A. R. Rawlinson

Funeral requiem Mass for Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Richard Rawlinson was celebrated on Saturday at St Edward's, Sutton Park, Guildford, Surrey by Father John Stapleton. The lessons were read by Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, son, and Mr Hon Michael Rawlinson, grandson. Mr Michael Denison gave an address.

Birthdays today

Dr G. E. Aylmer, 58; Mr Dickie Davies, 51; Lord Diamond, 77; Dame Isobel Graham Bryce, 82; Mr W. R. Henry, 69; Lord McIntosh of Haringey, 51; Dr L. Paul, 79; Lord Peart, 70; Lord Saint Brides, 68; Sir Frank Turnbull, 79; Mr Peter Willes, 71.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Barry P. Laight to be Secretary of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

The parliamentary notices **have been held over**

Clifford Longley

Flaws in the welcome mat

Churchgoing continues to be the most common organized voluntary activity in the nation by a large margin, which is another way of presenting the fact that "only" about 15 per cent of the population attends church each week.

It is a habit laid down in childhood and adolescence, which is why the churches will feel thoroughly frightened by the evidence of a survey of teenage attitudes to religion conducted for the British Council of Churches.

The group surveyed were churchgoing teenagers, the one constituency the churches must not alienate if they are to stay in business. Rather more than half those who attend church at the age of 13 will have stopped by the time they are 20, the survey discovered.

Some – the survey throws no light on this – are likely to resume churchgoing from the age of 35, judging from the age profile of most church going congregations. In this the teenage experience of church, and the reasons for turning away from it, are likely to be crucial.

Dr Leslie Francis, who conducted the survey (*Teenagers and the Church*, Collins, £7.95, published today), makes a curious prejudgment throughout his commentary on it, one no doubt unconsciously shared by the youth unit of the British Council of Churches, which sponsored it.

It is that churches must try to attract and hold young people by a variety of techniques and devices: by the adults in the congregation adopting a "welcoming" attitude, by clergymen being "approachable", by encouraging "friendliness" among young churchgoers themselves, by allowing "participation" in services and other church activities.

By implication, religion must be made "relevant" and sermons must be "helpful" to young people; the services should give an impression of "life". (Those are Dr Francis's key words).

The evidence collected by the survey itself indicates that the Free Churches are by far the best in these respects, and the Roman Catholic Church the worst. Yet the evidence also shows quite unmistakably that the Free Churches have the fewest teenagers, the Roman Catholic Church the most, and the most committed.

The Roman Catholic attitude to teenagers is distinctly "take it or leave it", and eschews the manipulative methods regarded as self-evidently necessary in the Free Churches. It is at least possible that that is what appeals to teenagers about the Roman Catholic Church, and earns their respect.

It is roughly true that a serious inquirer who knocks on the door of the local minister is likely to find himself warmly welcomed in, on his knees within an hour, and signed up that day; one who knocks on the local presbytery door may be rather coldly told to come back in three weeks, then to be offered a daunting six months course of instruction "if you really mean it".

The two approaches parallel the two churches' attitude to teenagers in the congregation: one communicates a kind of insecurity, the other self-confidence.

This touches on the issue of authority. Strength of faith in the various doctrines of Christianity is likely to depend on confidence in the source from which the doctrine is received.

This is well illustrated in the survey by Roman Catholic teenagers' significant rejection of their church's teaching on birth control. The conviction that "the church knows what it is talking about" on sexual matters is lacking. This is in sharp contrast to the obvious confidence these teenagers have in the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on abortion, or on matters of faith.

The Free Churches rely far more on "socialization" than on this innate sense of authority: Free Church teenagers, such as there are, seem to be expected to make the church part of their social life, draw their circle of friends from it, and develop close relationships with adult lay church members.

That is how the ethos of Noncomformity is communicated from one generation to the next. The most telling statistic in this respect is Dr *Francis's discovery* that Free Church teenagers who maintain the churchgoing habit as they get older become harder in their attitudes on such issues as drink.

There is more than a hint of puritanism in the moral outlook of older Free Church teenagers: disapproval of public houses, discotheques, and fashionable clothes; and scrupulousness about petty law-breaking such as parking cars on yellow lines.

It is a very "respectable" outlook; and narrow-mindedly "churchy". Those who reject it are likely to be strongly alienated by it, which does not bode well for a return to churchgoing in middle age.

Between these two extremes, the Roman Catholic and the Free Church, Anglicanism's approach to teenagers (the least successful of the three) suffers from being neither one nor the other, neither heavy socialization nor self-confident authority.

Rejection of it in the later teens may therefore be less emphatic, suggesting that a resumption of churchgoing may not be too difficult when older, particularly as the threshold of commitment required for church membership in the Church of England is lower than in the other two groups.

If Anglicanism's basic appeal is to those above a certain level of maturity, and if this explains the lack of attraction it holds for teenagers, it is not necessarily something of which the Church of England need feel ashamed.

OBITUARY

MR ROBERT BELOE

From education to Archbishop's Secretary

Mr Robert Beloe, CBE, one of a small group of Chief Education Officers who helped to shape education after the passing of the 1944 Act, died on April 26, aged 78, at Richmond. He subsequently became Lay Secretary to two Archbishops of Canterbury.

Son of the former Headmaster of Bradfield College, the Rev. R. D. Beloe, he was educated at Winchester and Hertford College, Oxford. He gained teaching experience at Bradfield, Eton, and in a Reading elementary school, and after a short administrative training in Kent, joined Surrey as Assistant Education Officer in 1934.

The approach of war led to reorganization in the county's administrative staff and he found himself Chief Education Officer at the surprisingly early age of 35 in 1940. Wartime conditions enabled him to use his somewhat unusual teaching experience, together with an ability to deal sympathetically with the human problem behind administration, to create the image of an education authority that pre-eminently cared for the individual.

His first administrative task after the passing of the 1944 Act was to reorganize Surrey's grammar schools. At the time the majority of grammar school pupils were fee-paying and entered with much lower level of ability than was required for a special place and a means-tested remission of fees. As part of his reorganization he persuaded the Surrey Authority to create 100 per cent special places, thereby becoming one of first authorities to admit all grammar school pupils on their educational ability rather than on the willingness of their parents to pay fees.

As a result of the 1944 Act Beloe took charge of a much expanded Authority, and the new administrative arrangements of Divisional Executives throughout the county was developed smoothly. The Act also required a county development plan, and he persuaded the Authority to agree to a plan in which the first two years of *all secondary schools would be* fully comprehensive.

The plan was rejected by the Ministry, but when the growth in child population made an increase in grammar places inevitable, Beloe persuaded the Authority into placing grammar streams in secondary modern schools rather than building new grammar schools, thereby *creating a range of extremely* successful, bi-lateral, grammar-modern schools, and making the move to fully comprehensive secondary education easy and obvious when the time came.

The development with which his name is most directly connected was the Committee on Secondary School Examinations other than GCE, better known as the Beloe Committee. The report resulted in the setting up of the Certificate of Secondary Education, a school controlled subject examination to be taken at 16, which gave the secondary modern schools an incentive to develop fifth forms of pupils voluntarily staying beyond leaving age. It also gave them an incentive, once that was done, of proving that the ability to profit from an academic education extended far beyond the narrow limits set by the eleven-plus exam. From that point on, the comprehensive development was inevitable.

To everyone's surprise he resigned at the height of his powers, to become Lay *Secretary to the Archbishop of* Canterbury. He was an able administrator and an educationalist with vision, who never failed, in spite of being in charge of one of the largest Authorities in the country, to give pride of place to the human values of education.

The post of Lay Secretary was a new one in 1959 and Beloe set about with tact and patience carving out specific areas where his wide experience and gifts were used to the utmost. The *Archbishop found in him an* acute professional mind and someone who like himself saw the virtue of good, well ordered administration.

There were many aspects of current affairs, ecclesiastical and lay, on which a man of his intellectual calibre could help the Archbishop. It was not only Dr Fisher who profited but many of the bishops and others holding key posts in the Church of England. Of particular value was the careful watch he kept on *the business of the House of* Lords.

He was appointed CBE in 1960, and held the post of Liaison Officer between the Anglican Communion and the World Council of Churches from 1969-1971. He served on several educational and ecclesiastical committees, was a trustee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme *from* 1960-66, and a member of the General Synod of the Church of England from 1970-75.

The role of the Lay Secretary was well founded by the time Archbishop Ramsey took office; and Beloe, by serving in that role with such ability, can be said to have served with distinction the whole Church of *England which he loved so* dearly.

He married in 1933 Amy, daughter of Capt Sir Frank Rose, 2nd Bt; there were two daughters and a son of the marriage.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E. Cumming-Bruce and Miss A. Gaisford-St. Lawrence

The engagement is announce between Edward, elder son of the Hon Sir Roualeyn and Lady Sarah Cumming-Bruce, of Mulberry Walk, London, and Antonia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gaisford-St. Lawrence, of Howth Castle, Dublin.

Mr R. W. Bettles and Miss J. L. Willcock

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. R. Bettles, of Wokingham, and Julia, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs C. B. Willcock, of Charlcombe, Bath.

Mr R. J. B. Bland and Miss P. M. R. M. Bonsey

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr J. P. R. Bland and the late Mrs J. A. B. Bland, of Cound Leasowes, Shropshire, and Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bonsey, of Upton Magna, Shropshire.

Mr R. P. Burrow and Miss A. M. Hill

The engagement is announced between Robert Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. F. Burrow, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey and Angela Mary, only daughter of Mr H. C. B. Hill and the late Mrs I. M. Hill, of Slough, Berkshire.

Mr D. I. Dannreuther and Miss H. M. Clarke

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs I. A. Dannreuther, of Chelsea, London and Heather, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Clarke, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr J. N. Davie and Miss P. J. Currie

the engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr A. B. Davie and of Mrs J. Davie, of Muirend, Glasgow and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Currie, of Baldernock, Glasgow.

Mr C. P. Gent and Miss E. A. Mackay

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. N. Gent, of Cornerstones, Turleigh, Wiltshire and Elspeth, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Mackay, of Tormarton, North Avon.

Mr D. Gerrans and Miss K. E. Dodsworth

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of the Rev N. H. and Mrs Gerrans, of Cosham, Hampshire and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Dodsworth, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr S. J. Jerrard-Dunne and Miss N. S. Keats

The engagement is announced between Simon Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs C. J. Jerrard-Dunne, of Branksome Park, Poole and Nina Suzanne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. W. Keats, of Canford Cliffs, Poole.

Mr G. Maxwell-Hart and Miss F. E. Price

The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs B. M. Maxwell-Hart, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Frances Elizabeth, daughter of Dr Brian and Dr Menna Price, of Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan.

Mr P. F. Miles and Miss H. M. Lees

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of the late Mr B. F. Miles and of Mrs C. Miles, of Kingston, Surrey, and Morag, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. A. Lees, of St Briavels, Gloucestershire.

Mr P. J. Muir and Miss K. M. P. Harwood

The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Muir, of Anners, Thorpe, Surrey, and Kate, daughter of Captain Stephen Harwood, RN, and Mrs Stephen Harwood, of St Catherine's Cottage, Catherington, near Portsmouth.

Mr S. E. J. Osbourn, R.N. and Miss L. C. Smith

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs D. F. Osbourn, of Caversham, Berkshire and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs V. J. Smith, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Mr J. Roe and Miss L. Higham

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Dr and Mrs Francis Roe, of Wimbledon and Liza, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Higham, of Styal, Cheshire.

Mr M. T. Rose and Miss G. H. Benson

The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Rose, of Hampstead and Georgina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Benson, of Littlebury Green, Saffron Walden.

Mr G. M. Tweedie and Miss K. A. Lane

The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mrs Carol Tweedie, of Hastings, New Zealand, and Karen, grandaughter of Mr and Mrs Ken Hanby, of Frankston, Australia.

Mr T. A. Dunn and Miss J. M. D. Parsons

The engagement is announced between Thomas Astley, elder son of the late Mr A. T. Dunn and Mrs Dunn, of Overbury Hall, Layham, Ipswich, Suffolk and Jane, twin daughter of Mr J. G. D. Parson, of Duras, France, and Mrs P. F. de Moulepied, of Ullswater, Cumbria.

Marriages

Mr P. R. Elletson and Lady Alexandra Marquis

The marriage took place on Friday, April 27, in the Grosvenor Chapel, W1, of Mr Philip Roger Elletson, son of Mr Roger Elletson and stepson of Mrs Roger Elletson, of The Grey House, Forton, Lancashire, and Lady Alexandra Marquis, daughter of the late Earl of Woolton and Countess Lloyd George of Dwyfor, of The Hall, Freshford, Bath.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Lord Woolton, was attended by Susannah Gentle, Sophie Davis, Corrina Young, Katey Boyd, Camilla Wilson, Leonie Buxton, Mary Anderson and Frederick de Rougemont. Mr Nicholas Beamish was best man.

A reception was held at the Dorchester hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in Venice.

Mr T. Crosbie Dawson and the Hon Katherine Joicey

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Ford, of Mr Thomas Crosbie Dawson, youngest son of Major and Mrs R. C. Crosbie Dawson, of Northington Farm, Overton, Hampshire, and the Hon Katherine Jane Joicey, daughter of Lord and Lady Joicey, of Etal Manor, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. The Rev Robin Gill officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Harry and Katie Bunbury, Charlotte Brodie, Miss Miranda Tulloch and Miss Lucy Penrose. Mr Jonathan Harington was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R. N. C. Knight Bruce and Miss C. M. B. Finlay

The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity, Brompton of Mr Robin Nigel Cleave Knight Bruce, elder son of Mr Nigel Knight Bruce, of Credition, Devon, and Mrs N. Alexander, of North Moreton, Oxfordshire, and Miss Catrina Finlay, younger daughter of Sir Graeme Finlay, Bt, and Lady Finlay, of Rozel, Jersey, Channel Islands. The Rev J. A. K. Millar officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Thomas Collins, James Knight, Chlöe Conyngham Arabella Stewart and Miss Charlotte Lewis. Mr Rory Knight Bruce, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at he Orangery, Holland Park and the honeymoon will be spent by the Caribbean.

Mr A. G. T. Sanders ad Mlle A. M. R. Cuisinier

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Etienne-du-Mont, Place du Pantheon, Paris, of Mr Alasdair Sanders, son of Sir Robert and Lady Sanders, of Crieff, Perthshire, and Mlle Annie Cuisinier, daughter of the late M Emile Cuisinier and Mme Emile Cuisinier, of Paris. Father Vidonne officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, M Hippolyte Holtz, and Mr John Tully was best man.

A reception was in the Avenue des Gobelins, Paris and the honeymoon will be spent in the Channel Islands.

Major R. J. K. Cassels and Mrs R. A. Marshall

The marriage took place on Friday, April 13, in Harare, of Major Robert James Kirk Cassels, only son of Field Marshal Sir James Cassels and the late Lady Cassels, and Mrs Rosemary Anne Marshall, eldest daughter of the late Major W. J. Kingdom and of Mrs Kingdom.

Mr M C Tuely and Miss M F Stirling

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Great Saxham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk of Mr Miles Tuely, only son of Mr R C Tuely and the late Mrs Tuely, of Stone-cum-Ebony, Tenterder, Kent, and Miss Mary Stirling, younger daughter of the late General William Stirling and Lady Stirling, of Great Saxham Hall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. The Rev H M Le Feuvre and Mrs Mary Johnson (reader) took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Colonel David Gordon Lennox, brother-in-law, was attended by Kirsty, Lora and Hannah Noel-Paton and Eleanor Price. Mr John Inge was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr T. D. Briggs and Miss M. M. LeB. Laskey

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary Magadalene, Loders, Dorset, of Mr Thomas David Briggs, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas David Briggs, of The Dene, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, and Miss Mary Michelle Laskey, eldest daughter of Sir Denis and Lady Laskey, of Loders Mill, Bridport, Dorset. The Right Rev G. L. Tiarks and the Rev Alex Martin officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by William Widen, Luke Theophilus, and Miss Ellen and Miss Audrey Laskey. Dr Richard Briggs was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Barbados.

Mr R. Birch and Miss C. Tritton

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 28 at the Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Elizabeth, Coughton, Warwickshire, between Mr Rupert Birch, son of the Late Mr Lionel Birch and of Mrs Venetia Murray, and Miss Christina Tritton, daughter of Mr Alan Tritton and of Mrs Andrew McLaren. The Bishop of Brentwood officiated

The bride was attended by Perdita, Lorna and Phoebe Barran, Kirsty and Carina Johnston, Lara Van Lynden, Katy Jones, Angela Von Twickel, Harry Gates and Ned Barran. Mr Dominick Ashe was best man.

A reception was given by the bride's mother at Coughton Court, the home of her uncle, Sir Robert Throckmorton, Bt. The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A. Fenwick and Miss B. Gyngell

Mr Alexius Fenwick and Miss Briony Gyngell were married in London on April 25, 1984.

Dr G. W. Moxon and Dr A. J. Woods

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 28, in Devon of Dr Gordon William Moxon, of Bickleigh, Devon, and Dr Amanda Jane Woods, of Glastonbury, Somerset.

Mr M. D. Payne and Miss M. H. Petrides

The marriage took place in Paulerspury, Northamptonshire on April 14 between Mr Michael Payne, son of the late Mr Jack Payne and of Mrs G. Spain, and Miss Holly Petrides, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. C. Petrides.

Mr J. Sevier IV and Miss L. Page-Phillips

The marriage between Mr Joseph Sevier and Miss Livia Page-Phillips took place on Saturday, April 7, at Santa Fé, New Mexico.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Williams and Miss P. J. D. Hughes

The marriage took place in Oman on April 29 between Lieutenent-Colonel John Williams and Miss Paula Hughes.

Luncheon

HTV West

Mr George McWatters, Chairman of HTV West, and fellow directors were hosts at a luncheon held at the Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Wednesday, April 25. The guests included:

Mr Charles Clive-Ponsonby-Fane, High Sheriff of Somerset, and Mrs Clive-Ponsonby-Fane; Councillor Mrs R Haldane, Mayor of Taunton Deane; Mr Edward Du Cann, MP; Councillor William Meadows, Chairman of Somerset County Council; the Bishop of Taunton, the Right Rev Peter Nott; Major-General B M Lane, GOC South West District; Air Vice-Marshal H Leonard Williams; Mr J Kendall-Carpenter, Headmaster of Wellington School; Mr Norman Roberts, Headmaster of Taunton School; Mr R Bryam, principal, Somerset College of Art; Mr Michael Hill, Chairman of Somerset County Cricket Club, and Mr John Meikle, Chairman of the Brewhouse Trust.

Reception

Little St Mary's, Cambridge

Princess Margaret was present at a eucharist yesterday to celebrate 700 years' association between Little St Mary's, Cambridge, and Peterhouse. A reception was given afterwards by the vicar and churchwardens to the Master and fellows of Peterhouse. Among others present were the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University and Lady Butterfield, the Bishop of Ely and Mrs Walker and Lady Glenconner.

Service reception

XX The Lancashire Fusiliers

The annual Gallipoli commemoration service of the XX The Lancashire Fusiliers was held at the Parish Church, Bury, yesterday. After the service the salute at the march past was taken by Colonel I. R. Cartwright (Deputy Colonel Lancashire, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers). A reception followed at the Castle Armoury, Bury. The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, the mayors of Bury, Rochdale, St Helens and Oldham, Mr Alistair Burt, MP, and Mr David Sumberg, MP, were guests.

Service dinners

HMS St Vincent, 1939–45

The annual reunion dinner of HMS St Vincent, 1939-45 was held on Saturday at the Eccleston Hotel. Captain V Lamb, RN, presided.

Light Infantry

Major-General B. M. Lane, Colonel The Light Infantry, attened the annual officer's dinner in Somerset at the Castle Hotel, Taunton on Saturday. Brigadier J. Hemsley presided. The guests were Colonel Sir John Willis, Bt, and Mr William Meadows.

Royal Army Ordance Corps

The annual dinner of the Royal Army Ordance Corps Association was held at Blackdown Barracks, Deepcut, near Camberley, on Saturday. Major-General J. Brown, Representative Colonel Commandant RAOC, presided. The guests of honour was Sir Christopher Leaver and others present included the Director General of Ordnance Services, Major-General W. L. Whalley, the Rev Maurice Young and RAOC in-pensioners of the Royal Hospital.

No 619 Squadron RAF

The annual reunion dinner of No 619 Squdron RAF was held at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, on Saturday. Flight Lieutenant D. J. Coomber presided and Squadron Leader L. G. W. Berry proposed the toast of the squadron. Air Commodor Charles H. Clarke was among those attending.

Dinner

Variety Club of Great Britain

The Variety Club of Great Britain held a dinner at the Hilton Hotel yesterday to honour the 50th birthday of Mr Henry Cooper. The speakers included Variety's Chief Barker and President, Nr Norman Garrod, Mr Bobby Charlton and Mr Reg Gutteridge.

Dean Close School

Summer Term begins today. The academic scholarships will be held on May 21-23. Prizegiving and commemoration is on June 9 and 10 when the principal guest will be Viscount Tonypandy, who will present the prizes and preach at the service of commemoration on the Sunday. The Old Decanian Society dinner and gaudy will take place at the school on July 14. P. M. Vincent is captain of cricket and term ends on July 12.

Forest School

Summer Term at Forest School begins today. Speech Day will be held on Saturday, June 16. Term ends on July 13. The school celebrates its 150th anniversary this year and a gala summer concert will be held on Saturday, June 2.

Sylvestrians Week, July 16-21, will include a celebration cricket match. The main anniversary activities will take place during the week beginning October 1, starting with a service of thanksgiving on that day. Further information may be obtained by writing to the Warden's Secretary, Forest School, near Snaresbrook, London E17 3PY.

The Rev R. M. D. de Brisay has been appointed as school chaplain and he will join the staff in September.

Godolphin School Salisbury

Term began on Thursday, April 26. Confirmation and first communion will be held in Salisbury Cathedral on Wednesday, May 23. Parents' Day and the summer ball will be on Saturday, June 30. Term ends on Wednesday, July 11.

Gresham's School

Term began on April 24. C. P. Sladden (Howson's) continues as captain of school. The school play, *The Merchant of Venice* will be performed in the amphitheatre on the evenings of July 12 and 13. Term ends on July 14 with Speech Day when the guest speaker will be Lord Blake. Howson's Commemoration Day takes place on June 23.

Holmewood House Tunbridge Wells

Summer Term begins today with 411 boys in the school, and ends on July 21, when Mr Partrick Moore will be the guest speaker for prizegiving. The two new squash courts will be opened on June 21 by Chief Matthew Mbu followed by an exhibition match. Arts week begins on Saturday, July 14.

The Milestone Schools

Examination Term for the senior tutorial department and the middle school starts today. Senior school ends on June 15 and the middle school on June 29.

The Oratory School

Summer Term begins today. The school captain is C. S. F. O'Malley. Captain of cricket is D. J. Pover. Open Day will be on Saturday, June 2, followed by half-term until June 6. Term ends on July 13.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

Trinity Term begins today and ends on July 13. There are 690 boys in the senior school and 272 at Lanesborough. Andrew Denby is captain of cricket and the XI will play the Old Guildfordians on July 1.

Prospective common entrance candidates for 1985 will be interviewed on June 21 and 26. The 1984 King's Lecture will be given on June 22 by Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Bt. At the Lanesborough prizegiving on July 12 the guest of honour will be Mr C. H. D. Everett, Headmaster of Tonbridge School.

St Edmund's School Canterbury

Summer term begins today. The Rev Roger Ellis joins the school as chaplain. Berge Balian (Watson) is captain of school and Andrew Walton (Watson) is captain of cricket. The Archbishop of Canterbury will conduct Choir House confirmation in Canterbury Cathedral on May 26.

The old boy's weekend will be June 9 and 10, with the Rev John Baillie ('26-'34) as preacher at commemoration. There will be a concert on May 19 and an outdoor wind concert with fireworks on July 13. Speach Day will be on July 14, after which term ends.

Wilson's School

Trinity Term begins today and ends on July 20. Half-term is from May 28 to June 2. D. Maclean remains school captain. The captain of cricket is P. Dowler and vice-captain is D. Forbes. CCF field day is July 4. A meeting for parents of boys joining the school in September will be held on the evening of June 28.

Wellingborough School

Trinity Term begins today and ends on Friday, July 13. Open Day and Old Wellingburian Summer Day is on Saturday, July 7 when, among other exhibitions, a special display is being arranged of archives and photographs of the school over the past 100 years. On that day at 5 pm in chapel there will be a memorial service for Mr E. M. Witham who was on the staff 1930-66. The school's expedition of pupils, staff and parents to the Himalayas this April was the largest foreign group to have been granted permission to trek and raft in Sikkim.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: M E Southgate to MOD as Director of Helicopter Projects, to serve in the rank of Commodore while holding this appointment, Nov 9.
COMMANDERS: J J Blackham, NOTTINGHAM in Cmd, July 23; J P Cardale to MOD with DNOR, July 17; D J Freemantle to MOD with CNSO, Sept 26.
RETIREMENTS: CAPTAINS: D Brooks, June 23

The Army

BRIGADIERS: P A Dally, SHAPE as DACOS, May 1; P R Duchesne, BR CONT UNFICYP as Comd, May 3
COLONELS: J N B Mogg, HQ UKLF as DACOS G3 Trg, May 3; A I H Fyffe, HQ BAOR as DACOS, may 1; F M Webb, MOD as Col Q Mov, Apr 30; D A Williams, 1 Armd Div as COS, Apr 30.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: R E Barron ORTH, HQ UKLF as SO1, May 1; C R Bedford ROAC, FWD ORD DEPOT BAOR as CO, Apr 30; D M Black QLR, 1 QLR as CO, May 1; G F V Cowell RAOC, MOD LE(A) as SO1, Apr 30; D N Furness-Gibbon RAOC, CAD LONGTOWN as Ch Ammn Offr, Apr 30; M A Hayley RRF, SHAPE as SO1, Apr 30; A A Kelly WRAC, RMAS as OC WRAC Wing, Apr 30; M G Tweed RTR, JSDC as SO1, Apr 30; J M Uniacke STAFFORDS, CINQUE Ports Trg Area as Comdt, May 3; A Wilmshurst RA, NATO School SHAPE as So1, Apr 30; A G R Holman RE, SHAPE as OC UK Sp Unit, Apr 30; P J Prichard R SIGNALS, 22 Sig Regt as CO, May 3.
RETIREMENTS: Col J A Dillway late RAPC, May 7; Col B Hopkinson late RAOC, may 1.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE (with Acting Rank of Air Vice-Marshal): N A Perrin as President, Ordnance Board, April 30.
GROUP CAPTAINS: A D Turner to BDS Washington for Staff duties, April 13; JF Willis to MOD, AFD, for staff duties, May 4.
WING COMMANDERS: M Cheeseman to A&AEE Boscombe Down, OC WW Gp Ldr, April 30; P E Ruston to SM39 (RAF), MOD Carlisle, April 30; D J Noyce to Dept of VCAS, MOD London, April 30; D L Baugh to HQ 18 Gp as Wg Cdr Ops INT, April 24; B J Hall to MOD, CVE on FLS, April 24; B H Dale to OASC Biggin Hill on Air Board, April 27; R B Gilvary to MOD, AFD as CC Pol 1 (RAF), April 27; W B Lowther to OASC Biggin Hill on Air Board, April 27; A A Nicholson to MOD, CVE as DCTS ROW2, April 30; J B Hill to 6 Torn Sqn, RAF Laarbruch as OC, May 1; D A Hurrell to 101 Sqn, RAF Brize Norton as OC, May 1.
SQUADRON LEADERS (with Acting Rank of Wing Commander): M J Gardiner to 32 Sqn, RAF Northolt as OC, April 27; J H Haines to RAF Leuchars as OC Ops Wg, May 4; T P Burns to MOD, Cve as D17, May 4.

Service reunion

HMS Hawkins

The annual reunion of the officers of HMS Hawkins last commission, 1942-45, was held at the Merchant Navy Hotel, Lancaster Gate, on Saturday. Captain G. A. French, RN, presided.

Science report

Laser beam throws light on secrets of the flame

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A large amount of research continues into understanding how flames work because of the important implications for the designers of jet engines, rockets, missiles and industrial furnaces.

And the development of a new system which gives a complete view of the chemistry in process in a flame has stimulated further interest.

The work has been done by a joint academic industrial team from Stanford University, California and the American General Electric Company. They say in the latest issue of Science magazine that they can make computerized pictures of the reaction between oxygen and hydrogen in any part of a flame. They also claim that until the development of this technique scientists could [illegible] at a specific place in the flame and, therefore could obtain only comparatively limited information.

Explaining the difficulties of making combustion analyses, Dr George Kychakoff, of the Stanford High Temperature Gas Dynamics Laboratory, said that a flame combined two classes of phenomenon, and each of them can present intractable problems: complex chemistry and fluid motion, especially turbulent motion.

The experimental scheme for photographing the chemical reactions in a flame involved injecting hydrogen through a tube. Air was passed down the outside of the tube and the hydrogen from the tube combined with the oxygen in the air to form the flame which contained hydrogen-oxygen molecules. And it was those molecules which the scientists wanted to study.

They did it by shining a laserbeam into the flame for ten nanoseconds (one thousand millionth of a second). The laser light spread like a sheet across the flame. Part of the laser light was absorbed by the molecules and even in a hot flame the laser beam simulated the hydrogen-oxygen molecules so that they radiated the laser energy in a form of fluorescence.

The fluorescence was detected electronically and processed by an image intensifier and the image of the molecules was processed by computer and presented as a diagram of colour pictures showing the concentration of the molecules of interest in the flame.

Dr Kychakoff emphasizes that the experiment was intended to demonstrate that the new method of photographing the chemistry of a flame would work. Studies of specific molecules during combustion would mean choosing a laser beam of a certain frequency

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

And for my next half decade . . .

Anniversary celebrations are inevitably selective. One could hardly expect Mrs Thatcher, in reminding us that inflation had been brought lower than for 16 years, to acknowledge that the unemployment rate is higher than for half a century. Nor, in proclaiming the British economy to be the envy of "many nations", to note that not one of the six heads of government due to visit her for the London economic summit presides over a worse dole queue than Britain's.

Yet a snapshot of the British economy at the end of last year did not look too bad in the international album. We had the fastest growth rate among the major Europeans. combined with a below-average inflation rate. Unemployment appeared to have levelled off; employment, it is now estimated, had risen 200,000 since the spring.

What happened then is more questionable. Examining month-by-month figures is never a very profitable business, especially those months most confused by national holidays and weather. But it is important for trying to settle a sudden squall of argument that has blown up over Mr Nigel Lawson's fiscal and monetary stance.

There is an old saw, much quoted by Sir Geoffrey Howe's supporters in 1981, that unpopular Budgets get the best verdicts from history. On this topsy-turvy measure, Mr Lawson would have by now, a certain amount to worry about.

His first and popular Budget was not, of course, of the old give-away kind that brough Nemesis to former much-applauded Chancellors. Indeed, now it is safely launched, the Treasury is increasingly frank in admitting its surprise that the Budget received such a good all-round reception, particularly from industry.

It was undoubtedly a very clever Budget. In give-and-take, the quickness of the hand must deceive the eye. Just one or two elements missing from the package – most importantly, if there had been no further cut in the national insurance surcharge – and the CBI would have quickly found its tongue; reaction might have rumbled the other way. The Budget was also clever in its macroeconomic figuring, so that suspicious City took time to work out that it was mildly and subtly expansionary; that, set against the background of the Chancellor's longer-term plans, there had indeed been a change of direction. Now the money numbers are beginning to rise, and there is a ripple of unease in the markets, to the sound of I-told-you-so from the purists.

Yet the trickle of economic statistics since the Budget has made it clear than a bit of a push was needed. Even after allowing for imperfect seasonal adjustment after Chrismas, there was plainly some slowdown from the growth with which we ended 1983. Unemployment began rising sharply again. Industrial production dipped in February. Consumer spending for the whole first quarter dropped back to the levels recorded last summer.

Now all these can be argued smoothly away. Too much of the recent recovery has been consumer-led, a presurre that has only found out our weakness against foreign competition. A check in consumer spending might be a welcome sign of a redirection of national effort into savings and investment. Industrial production may have been only a blip in admittedly imperfect statistics; taking a run of months, the trend was still clearly upwards.

Unemployment steadied this month though it is a measure of our conditioned pessimism that we were relieved to see a seasonaly-adjusted total of more than three million fall by a mere 500, after three years of economic recovery. And early indications are that retail sales picked up. The stock market hit new heights in March, staggered and then reached new records last week.

But none of this suggests an economy in imminent danger of overheating. It suggests there was some risk, before the Budget, of another pause in the recovery, of the kind suffered in 1981. The comparison is particularly relevant, because the blow inflicted in 1981 was a 4 per cent hike in interest rates.

A sharp rise in interest rates now, and industry will destock, not restock, this summer. It is not necessary for history to repeat itself in this way. A well-knit argument published today by Mr Roger Bootle of Capel Cure Myers, presents the case for longer-term confidence about the monetary trends. Bear with a brief, and non-technical, summary. Even if the Government "overfunds" (that is, sells more debt than if needs to cover the public sector's deficit) by a billion pounds in 1984-85, it will still need two billion less than it did last year, which should be acceptable to the markets. This assumes, critically, that the Government does not overspend; but so far, and provided the miners' strike does not ruin the nationalized industries, the expenditure figures look good. Then, even if bank lending rises by a billion more than last year – and again, with fingers crossed, there are good reasons to expect nothing worse – probable developments in other elements of sterling M3 should allow the Government to hit the top end of its 6 per cent to 10 per cent target.

Of course, the Chancellor's new strategy is blessed with more targets than for sterling M3. His widest, PSL2, has been growing at an awful annual rate of over 16 per cent these past three months. But his narrowest, little Mo, has been trotting along at only 4½ per cent and that is arguably the best gauge for interest-rate policy.

But are there signs of trouble elsewhere in the economy? Clearly, there are beginning to be specialized labour shortages, as was inevitable very early on in such a dramatic industrial shake-up. But it would be monstrous, with 12.6 per cent unemployment, to translate that into generalized labour market pressure. Admittedly, wage settlements are far too high, but this is not because they have surged up with the past year of growth; it is simply that they have failed to slow down with prices, even while unemployment doubled.

The Government's answer to this should not be to choke off recovery, but to press ahead with its avowed determination to "make the labour market work". Mr Thatcher's bitterest anniversary reflection must be the Government's failure to create a wage and employment policy in its own image. Having rejected formal incomes policy, it has never properly developed its own alternative. Finding some way out of this dilemma must be high on the Prime Minister's list for the next four or five, or how ever many years. In the meantime, there is still more cause to hope than to panic about the course of 1984.

Output per employee still seems to be rising fast. This suggests many firms can expand farther and faster than expected, without running into labour bottlenecks. It means it would be unwise to discount the Chancellor's forecast of a drop in inflation to 4½ per cent this autumn. It also reinforces the need to aim for growth – if unemployment is not to rise still further. In this peculiar recovery, productivity is the key pressure gauge to watch.

Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

NEWS IN BRIEF

Backing for Budget 'trade-off'

The Chancellor's Budget trade-off in withdrawing capital allowances while reducing Corporation Tax found favour with 83 per cent of those polled in an early-April business opinion survey conducted for the Institute Directors.

Almost half those in the survey felt the budget had made little difference to the overall position of their companies, with a further 40 per cent perceiving some benefit.

Two thirds of the businessmen were more optimistic about corporate prospects than they were six months before. About 90 per cent were either more optimistic, or at least as optimistic, compared with six months before about prospects generally for the economy.

● **BANCO NATIONALE del LAVORE**, Italy's biggest bank which is controlled by the state, plans to raise Lira 300 billion (£130m) through a share offer to the public by the end of this year. At present 86 per cent of the bank's Lira 500 billion capital is held by the Treasury Ministry, with the rest divided between public bodies and institutions. The privatization offer, probably in the form of preference non-voting shares, will raise the capital to Lira 800 billion (£344m).

● **COLOMBIA IS** seeking $1bn in credits from the United States and the World Bank to finance industrial development, agricultural diversification and exports.

Target Life likely to be sold to institutions in £50m shake-up

By Jeremy Warner

Morgan Grenfell is planning to place conditionally most of the issued share capital of Target Life with a range of City institutions at a price which will value the fast-growing assurance and unit trust group at more than £50m.

Details of the deal, which will allow both the life company's existing shareholders, Charterhouse J Rothschild and Mr Saul Steinberg's US based Reliance insurance group to realize their investments, are expected to be announced this week.

Morgan Grenfell will end up the largest shareholder and the present management, led by Mr David Montagu and Mr John Stone, will be left with a 10 per cent holding and options on a further 5 per cent.

The rest of the shares will be placed with up to 30 of the City's leading financial institutions. Morgan Grenfell intends to stick to the management's previous plan of achieving a full stock market listing for Target within the next three years.

The change of ownership at Target has become necessary because of the planned £1 billion merger between Charterhouse J Rothschild and Mr Mark Weinberg's Hambro Life, a direct competitor of Target in unit-linked life assurance.

The merger would almost certainly be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if Target were kept within the Charterhouse J Rothschild stable.

Morgan Grenfell has provided a neat solution to the problem of divestment by combining Target management's desire for independence and an eventual stock market quote with the backup of a powerful merchant bank as the leading minority shareholder.

The bank recently announced the acquisition for an undisclosed sum of a 29.9 per cent stake in Pinchin Denny, one of the leading London stock jobbing firms. Its emergence as a big minority shareholder in Target will add to the impression that it is attempting to mirror the development of other city groupings into a financial supermarket.

Morgan Grenfell has been notably absent among the big City merchant banks from participation in the rapidly growing life assurance business and unlike most of its competitors, it has no stable of unit trusts.

A surprising aspect of the deal is Mr Steinberg's decision to divest himself of his 40 per cent shareholding since he does not need to.

Mr Steinberg, the entrepreneurial Wall Street financier, has announced plans in the United States to increase to 25 per cent his stake in Walt Disney Productions.

Target's new annual life and pensions premiums rose 71 per cent to £15.6m last year and new single premiums were nearly 200 per cent higher at £35.5m. Unit Trust sales grew by even more to £68m.

Last year Target had an average growth of 34.7 per cent in its equity funds, the third best result among the 25 biggest unit trust groups.

The total value of all unit trusts is now well in excess of £13 billion. In March there were record sales amounting to £328m.

Rift at Richardsons, Westgarth

By Our City Staff

Sir Benjamin Slade has resigned as a director of Richardsons, Westgarth, the loss-making engineering and steel stockholding group, and sold most of his 14.9 per cent holding because of a disagreement on the way the company has been managed since he joined last August.

Sir Benjamin's fast growing Shirlstar Container Transport, now the largest container leasing operation in Britain, bought its stake in from Caparo Industries last June but its relationship with the management has been fraught ever since.

Disagreement is understood to have come to a head over the recent sale to a Merseyside company of the Humber Graving Dock shiprepair offshoot.

Sir Benjamin said yesterday that he had disagreed with other directors over policy for the future of the company and was concerned that past mistakes would be repeated.

"I therefore found it impossible to continue my support for either the board or the executive management," he said.

Sir Benjamin Slade: resigning from board

Richardsons, Westgarth, valued by the stockmarket at £3.4m, appointed Mr John Macdonald as managing director in 1982, with the brief of stemming losses.

Since then the group has sold a number of troubled subsidiaries and figures for the first half of 1983, the last available, suggest he was having some success. Pretax losses were reduced from £834,000 to £341,000.

The return to profit of Humber Graving Dock, where the group has a £20m contract to build a diving support vessel for Houlder Offshore, was seen as crucial to the group's recovery. In February it was sold to Seaforth Welding for an undisclosed sum.

Sir Benjamin, aged 37, plans to bring Shirlstar to the stock market in the near future.

Disney may seek a white knight

From Nick Gilbert
New York

The takeover plot at Walt Disney Productions, purveyors of light entertainment for generations of children, is rapidly becoming suitable for adult viewing only.

Mr Saul Steinberg, the Wall Street financier, remembered in the City of London for his part in the Leasco-Pergamon battles of years ago, has paid $177m (£126m) for a 9.3 per cent stake.

To the anguish of the Disney board, Mr Steinberg's company, Reliance Group, now plans to increase its stake to 25 per cent "for investment purposes only."

Disney directors are furious that Mr Steinberg bought his shares "without prior consultation" and says his proposed further buying is "an apparent attempt to acquire control on the cheap."

Meanwhile, Disney shares have soared from $50 to $65, with Wall Street expecting a long, profitable corporate fight. Still to show his hand is Mr Roy E. Disney, nephew of the late Walt Disney, whose sudden board resignation last month sparked takeover rumours, and who has increased his own stake to 4 per cent.

Disney may use its recently increased borrowings to buy back Mr Steinberg's stake. United States managers show no compunction against using shareholders' money to maintain their own position.

Disney's recent financial showing has been poor. Recent half-year net profits were 34 per cent down at $31m despite increased revenues of $648m.

However, it is asset rich, with a film library whose value is estimated at between $300m and $500m and large real estate holdings.

Mr Steinberg is a highly proficient share trader, more likely to sell a strategic stake in the Disney prize to a third party than to seek full control.

The Disney managers, more used to wild life on the screen than off, must be looking around for a possible white knight.

Whitehall to review Sealink prospects

By Our Financial Correspondent

The Government's mergers panel is to meet on Wednesday to consider the competition implications of the various bids that could be made for Sealink, the cross-Channel ferry and ports subsidiary of British Rail.

About a dozen companies, including Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, European Ferries, Sea Containers, Trafalgar House and a consortium including National Freight and the Sealink management, have expressed an interest since the Government first announced the auction last month.

The Office of Fair Trading has already completed a report on European Ferries' application to be released from undertakings not to bid for Sealink it gave when its first takeover attempt was blocked by the Monopolies Commission three years ago.

The OFT report was submitted to Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, last week. Its conclusions have not been made public, but there is little expectation in the City or the shipping industry that European Ferries will be allowed to make another bid.

Isle of Man likely to cut UK customs link

By Jonathan Clare

The Isle of Man is likely to break its 90-year-old customs link with the British mainland sometime during the next 10 years.

Dr Edgar Mann, chairman of the Finance Board, said he believed the severance of the link "was highly desirable".

The customs and excise arrangements with the mainland mean that the island's Value Added Tax rate is automatically tied to Britain's, by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Political opinion on the island has shifted towards breaking the link, which is unlikely to happen until manufacturing interests are swayed over. Manufacturers would like the island to control its own VAT rate.

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Exit, pursued by a bear

Since the beginning of 1984 there has been a powerful bear market in bonds. That bearish pressure has knocked prices of other financial assets, including stocks and commodity futures. The question that has now been raised is whether the bear market in bonds has demoralized all the markets sufficiently to have knocked the entire recovery on the head.

As the economic information relating to March has become available, it has not been hard to argue that even if it has not been killed, the recovery is stumbling under a spreading number of wounds. Retail sales fell sharply in March, housing starts dropped, industrial production hardly rose at all, initial claims for unemployment insurance yo-yo-ed around a static average, and inventories rose sharply in the first quarter revised real GNP numbers, indicating that the second quarter GNP figures may show a tiny increase, if any at all.

The Federal Reserve is continuing to pour on the liquidity, as indicated by the fact that the "adjusted monetary base" (banks' reserves plus currency) is still rising at more than 10 per cent a year, but the money supply is not rising at anything like that rate: since the middle of 1983 money M1 has risen at only 6 per cent a year.

The commodities markets have given a thumbs down to the recovery in the last two or three months. Copper seemed to be going well for a time, but in the last week copper futures have dropped nearly 10 per cent. Lumber futures have taken a sickening dive, falling by more than 20 per cent in four weeks. Treasury bonds have fallen very sharply. All commodities futures are back to their December levels, abandoning all of the 1984 gains.

The stock market is still subject to a sort of sullen brooding, interrupted by occasional emotional rises or falls.

Milton Friedman continues to forecast seven to ten per cent inflation by the end of 1984 and double digit inflation during 1985, but the gold market cannot find the strength to endorse his views.

Real estate is still a good inflation and tax hedge in the United States. But there are some nasty suggestions that the deductibility of home mortgage interest should be abandoned as part of a big tax reform package for 1984.

One of the disinflationary byproducts of the high real interest rates has been the "strong dollar" and the consequential unprecedented overseas trade deficit. In March the United States trade deficit widened to a record $10.3 billion.

Maxwell Newton

Hongkong merger

The diversified Hongkong trading company Swire Pacific is to buy the 27.5 per cent of Swire Properties it does not already own, in a deal worth HK$1.35 billion (£123m) that is seen as a vote of confidence in the business future of the colony.

It is the first sizable merger involving blue chip companies since February and is likely to give a fillip to a stock market in the foldrums.

Jardine, Matheson, the colony's oldest company, shook the business community with its announcement last month that it was to move its legal domicile to Bermuda due to uncertainty over the colony's future..

There was more depressing news on Good Friday when the Foreign Secretry, Sir Geoffrey Howe, told Hongkong officially that British Administration would end and communist China would gain sovereignty in 1997.

Rolls-Royce free to take airline stake

By Jonathan Davis
Financial Correspondent

Rolls-Royce, the State-owned aero-engine manufacturer, does not require Government approval for its plans to provide £30m in equity and loans for a new United States airline, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

The decision to take an equity stake in Jet Express, a low fare "no frills" Chicago-based airline, was a purely commercial one which Rolls-Royce was free to take without government consent, a spokesman for the department said. Officials had been kept informed, however.

Filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission in New York at the end of last week confirmed that Rolls-Royce was subscribing $2.5m in equity for the new airline, representing about 6 per cent of the share capital. It is also providing up to $40m of finance to help Jet Express buy four second hand Boeing 727 jets.

Ironically the four jets are powered by engines manufactured by Rolls-Royce's competitor, Pratt and Whitney. In return for Rolls-Royce's financial assistance, however, Jet Express has promised to buy two new Boeing 757 aircraft powered by Rolls-Royce RB 211-535 engines.

The aircraft will be delivered in 1986, and Rolls-Royce expects to benefit from further orders if and when the new airline begins to expand. Its operations initally will be confined to flights between Chicago and New York and Los Angeles.

STOCK EXCHANGES

(Change on week)
FT-SE 100 Index: 29.8
FT Index: 908.0 up 28.0
FT Gilts: 81.98 up 0.3
Bargains: 21,016
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 114 up 0.33
New York: Dow Jones Average: 1169.07 up 15.8
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,981.68 up 15.8
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1.054.30 down 198.64

BOARD MEETINGS

MONDAY – **Interims:** Atlanta Investment Trust, Bellway, Windsor Securities. **Finals:** Arbuthnot Yen Bond Fund, British Investment Trust, Foseco Minsep, Grovebell Group, Hammerson Property Investment, Kwik-Fit (Tyres and Exhausts), P and W MacLellan, John Menzies, Marlborough Property Holdings, Pentland Industries, Ropner, Singapore Para Rubber Estates, United Friendly Insurance.

TUESDAY: **Interims:** J Hepworth and Son, C H Pearce and Sons, Saatchi and Saatchi Co, Safeguard Industrial Investments. **Finals:** Ayrshire Metal Products Davies and Newman Holdings, First Castle Electronics, French Kier Holdings, Hoskins and Horton, Marks and Spencer, Roberts Adlard, Silentnight Holdings, Francis Sumner Holdings, Tarmac.

WEDNESDAY – **Interims:** Dubilier, Tiger Oats and National Milling. **Finals:** Aberdeen Construction, Acsis Jewellery, John Folkes Hefo, Matthew Hall, Jessel, Toynbee and Gillett, John Laing, FJC Lilley, Milletts Leisure Shops, Petrocon Group, Pochin's. Shiloh, J. O. Walker, York Mount Group.

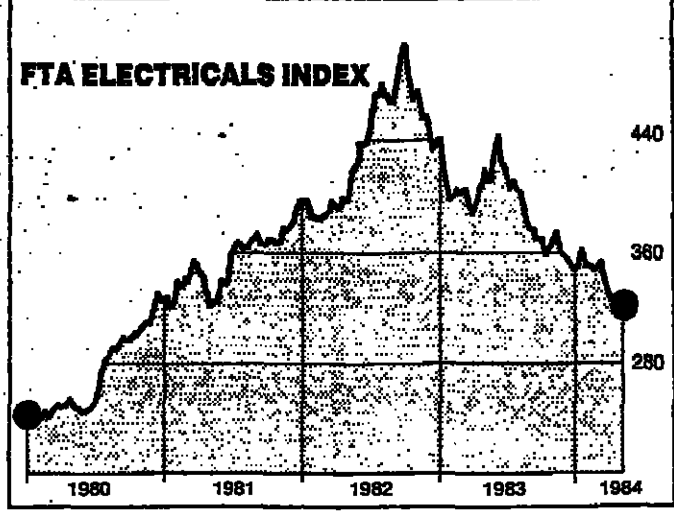
THURSDAY – **Interims:** Barton Transport, S. Lyles, Save and Prosper Linked Investment Trust, S. Simpson, Wemyss Investment Trust. **Finals:** Computer and Systems Engineering, Fleming Far Eastern Investment Trust, Highcroft Investment Trust, Scott and Robertson.

FRIDAY – **Interims:** Swindon Private Hospital, Transvaal Consolidated Land and Exploration. **Finals:** Air Call, Bestwood, Percy Bilton, Liberty, Lilleshall, Midland Marts, Miles 33, Tootal Group.

ORDINARY SHARES

Good value in electronic second-liners

Bill Bracey



A portfolio of electrical shares, weighted by market capitalization in the same way as the FTA Electricals Index, would have been a disastrous investment over the past 18 months. As a measure of this, an alternative portfolio of shares widely spread across the whole equity market, has been worth 50 per cent more at the end of this period. How is it that a sector of the market which supposedly offers good long term growth can perform so badly at a time when British economy is showing a strong recovery?

The electrical and electronics industries (like other sectors of the economy), consist of a few very large companies and a very long "tail" of many small companies. Of the 40 or so companies researched by the Savory Milln "Electricals and Electronics" specialization, the five largest (GEC, Plessey, Racal, STC and Ferranti) account for 70 per cent of the total market capitalization.

An index weighted by market capitalization is, therefore dominated by these large companies and the share price weakness of a few leaders can swamp the relative strength of the "tail". This has been the case in the electrical and electronic sector over the past 18 months.

The graph shows the 35 per cent relative drop in the electricals index from its peak in the third quarter of 1982. The share price movements of the five leaders over the same 18 months are illustrated in the table.

During the summer 1982 the electrical leaders were publishing results showing good earnings growth against a depressed general economic background. Sentiment towards the sector was favourable; in the aftermath of the Falklands crisis there was optimism on the rate of arms expenditure increase while early discussions on the privatization of British Telecom suggested that telecommunications spending would rise more quickly if the corporation had access to the capital markets.

British Telecom may disrupt the cosy link with its suppliers

Each of these factors has changed over the past 18 months. At the same time, as the general economy has been recovering, the aggregate earnings growth of electrical and electronics leaders has declined. Sentiment has deteriorated considerably. Not only was there no Falklands bonanza for the defence contractors but also the Government efforts to effect economies in equipment procurement have been intensified.

British Telecom, too, is threatening to disrupt the old, cosy relationship with its suppliers by second-sourcing main exchange equipment from overseas. At the same time, are worries that institutions may take money out of the electrical and electronics sector to subscribe for British Telecom shares this autumn.

Although these general points go a certain way to explaining the recent weakness of the sector, the leading companies are far from being a homogeneous group. There have been specific problems which are of most relevance when answering the question "which, if any, of these shares should I be buying now?".

GEC will announce in early July its final results for the year which ended on March 31. These will show broadly unchanged profits on a year earlier with weakness in the telecommunications and power generation divisions and a sharp drop in the return on cash combining to offset progress elsewhere.

Next year we would expect a resumption of profits growth but not such as to distinguish GEC from the market as a whole.

Earnings growth in the immediate future will, therefore, be dull and we see no reason, either, why GEC should enjoy an above average price/earnings multiple. The company may well have a strategy for turning its large cash balances into future profits growth but, if so, it is not understood by the City. The investment in Distillers Company hardly sheds much light on the matter.

While we feel that GEC's downward re-rating to an average market multiple is now complete, we do not expect any sharp recovery. From here, the shares are expected to move in line with the equity market as a whole and this is clearly unexciting.

	All Share Index
GEC	–49
Plessey	–18
Racal	–50
STC	+20
Ferranti	–5

Racal also has a March 31 year end and, again, the results we are now awaiting will show little profits growth. Racal's main problem is its military radio division, held back by the fact that its export customers are strapped for cash. In the meantime Racal is embarked on the installation of its cellular radio system and this will depress profits in the short term. The success of cellular radio in the longer term will be a test of Racal's marketing ability. For the time being, though, we would consider a purchase of Racal shares to be speculative.

Although Plessey's recent earnings growth has disappointed nobody, its share rating has suffered on considerations of increasing competition in world telecommunications markets. There are some uncertainties, also, about the implications for main exchange profit margins as the System X programme gathers pace. While remaining happy with Plessey as a longer term investment, the share price is in neutral territory for the time being.

We believe that a similar assessment would be appropriate for both STC and Ferranti. STC's appointment as the sole supplier of TXE4 exchanges to British Telecom is important for the group's profit growth and cash generation over the next three to four years. This is counterbalanced, however, by worries about what happens beyond then, bearing in mind that STC has no System X involvement.

Ferranti's prospects continue to look good, particularly so far as its gate array business is concerned, but this is already discounted by a relatively high share price multiple.

There is, therefore, no strong case to be made for buying the electrical leaders at these levels, and we feel that there is much better value to be found in the "tail" of the sector.

Applied Computer Techniques, for example, has a management with a good track record in anticipating trends in the fast growing desk top computer market and the shares stand on a relatively undemanding multiple.

Bowthorpe also, has a very competent management and is steadily raising the higher technology content of its activities by acquisition.

CASE is still a reatively small company, constantly introducing new products into the data communications market and now embarked on US expansion.

Telephone Rentals is a leading beneficiary of deregulation in the market for subscriber equipment. The nature of a rental business is such that one gets high quality, rather than fast growing profits.

V.G. Instruments is still a cheap stock. Its core technology in ultra high vacuum products has been extended into new areas such as moluculear beam epitaxy and the company's prospects as a supplier to chip manufacturers around the world are exciting.

Microlease makes its money from the short term hire of electronic test equipment. The increasing pervasiveness of electronics provides a good background for its activities and the shares look cheap.

Finally, we consider that the excitement in the electronic component distribution sub-sector is far from over and like both Diploma and Unitec.

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Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	8½%
Barclays	8¾%
BCCI	8½%
Citibank Savings †	9¼%
Consolidated Crds	8¾%
Continental Trust	8½%
C. Hoare & Co	*8½%
Lloyds Bank	8½%
Midland Bank	8½%
Nat Westminster	8½%
TSB	8½%
Williams & Glyn's	8½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¾%. £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

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THE GILT-EDGED MARKET

The domestic reasons for an end to stability

Michael Hughes

Gilt prices are vitually unchanged on those of a year ago, in contrast to the equity market where gains of 25 per cent of more are commonplace. The relative stability of the gilt market has been particularly noticeable over the last few weeks. The FT government securities index has remained in a two-point spread for nearly 10 weeks. There are signs, however, that this stability is about to break.

Tempting though it may be to draw analogies with the response to the industrial disputes of 1974, the contrast are sufficiently great for this not to be a fruitful avenue for analysis. Suffice it to say that the miners' dispute contributes to a deterioration in sentiment which has its roots elsewhere. Our analysis focuses on three concerning develpments in the wider economic scene. These are conventiently summarized by three statistics – the 10 per cent long-term interest rate barrier, the current 5 per cent inflation rate and the 80 level for sterling's trade-weighted exchange rate.

Despite a greater than generally expected reduction in inflation, gilt-edged yields have not convincingly broken through 10 per cent. Now the relationship between interest rates and inflation does not lend itself to simple explanations. In particular, it does not appear to be consistent over time. The last two years have not been a period, for example, in which a rise in real interest rates, brought about by inflation falling by more than expected, has produced a reduction in real economic growth. In fact, quite the reverse has happened. The choice of 10 per cent is not arbitrary as de Zoete and Bevan's first contribution to this series back in January explained. There are now signs, however, that this barrier is strengthening. This belief dates back to the Budget.

'Acceleration of PSL 2 cannot be ignored'

Although hailed as a personal triumph for the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, it did not match up to the expectations of those who had been looking for a very tough anti-inflation line. In particular, the reductions in the desired PSBR trend and the associated monetary base targets fell short of the conditions necessary to ensure inflation stays below 5 per cent. The Budget emphasis was on tax reform, not monetary stringency. The implications of this change took time to digest. In contrast to previous years, second thoughts on the Budget were not formulated two, three or even four days after but rather two, three and four weeks.

The conclusion that fiscalism had replaced monetarism as the prime policy focus has contributed to a feeling that the response to any monetary excesses will be slower to come through than they did in the first term of office. The consequence is that the average inflation rate is expected to be higher that would otherwise have been the case.

Subsequent to the Budget came the money supply figures *for March, which suggested that* money demand was acclarating. The treatment of these figures by the financial press was remarkably uncritical. Little attention was paid to the explosive growth in M1 or the continuing accelaration of PSL2. Both are now discarded as targeted variables but that does not diminish their importance for economic analysis. Some may even argue that it enhances it!

But whereas the March M1 evidence may be set aside as a temporary deviation of an increasingly unreliable series, the PSL2 acceleration over recent months cannot be ignored.

A reasonable case had been made for substituting M1 with more meaningful measures of narrow money. No such case was made in the Budget or subsequently for dropping PSL2. Its acceptance by the gilt-edged market as a reasonable measure of broad money is undimmed.

Despite its lower profile in the newly-designed Medium Term Financial Strategy, the attention devoted to PSL2 may well rise over the coming months as it continues to accelerate. The reason for this lies with the response by building societies to the February 23 decision to tax their gilt profits at the full corporation tax rate.

The effect of this has been to encourage building societies to aim for a lower liquidity ratio than at present, with the result that the supply of mortgages should increase over the immediate future, thereby boosting PSL2 growth.

The slope of the interest rate yield curves – perhaps the most accurate measure of the stance of monetary policy – also warns that money demand is set to accelerate. The recent and prospective monetary evidence therefore provides a constraint on any *further* relaxation *of* monetary policy, a point which will make the now well-established 10 per cent yield barrier seem even more difficult to penetrate.

The second vital statistic for the market is the 5 per cent inflation rate. This was the objective of the first Medium Term Financial Strategy. Measured by the RPI, inflation has hovered around 5 per cent for the last nine months and seems likely to stay around this rate in the immediate future. Consequently, it is not surprising that many now argue that deviations from a 5 per cent rate will trigger a policy response. Since the consensus forecasts look for a modest acceleration in inflation over the coming year, it follows that a monetary policy tightening has started to be discounted.

Finally, sterling has recently edged below 80 on its trade-weighted index. The choice of 80 is not especially important. A range of 78-82 could make the point more adequately. There is after all no official target for the exchange rate so no one level is all-important.

In contrast to the fiscal year 1981-82, when a range of 88-92 became established as the acceptable band, no such limits can now be identified. And yet the steady correction to sterling's overvaluation of three years ago brings us neatly to the current trading range.

Now, however, sterling is no longer overvalued. In fact, according to the London Business School's latest assessment of price competitiveness, sterling is slightly undervalued. Moreover, non-price factors do not still seem to be making sterling goods unattractive.

One of the remarkable features of recent years is that despite sterling's well publicized overvaluation in price terms, our share of world markets was far higher than the econometric models predicted. There appears to have been a break with past trends indicative of some non-price-related . (perhaps supply side?) improvement.

Sterling is, therefore, fairly valued. If anything, it might be slightly cheap. In the absence of any external shocks, a sustained devaluation of sterling from around current levels would therefore provide a warning that some other aspect of the domestic scene was deteriorating.

The most likely candidate is domestic monetary policy. If this has been overrelaxed at a time when sterling goods and services are fairly priced on world markets, the consequent devaluation of the exchange rate would jeopardize not only the inflation objectives but also the stability of the gilt-edged market. For it would begin to discount some corrective action. The gilt market can therefore be expected to view any further falls in the trade-weighted rate with concern.

A sustained devaluation would be a warning

Three reasons then for the recent stability of the gilt-edged market to end: three essentially domestic reasons. No reference has been made to the deteriorating US picture. This is not to say that the impact this has on the domestic market is minimal, even though it may have been less than in the past. Rather, it highlights the fact that when the domestic picture is also deteriorating our immunity to external "shocks" diminishes.

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USM REVIEW

A bear market will test Plan Invest

Michael Clark

Not to be outdone by the FT Index, the Unlisted Securities Market index, as measured by Datastream, was again scaling new heights last week proving to the sceptics that the USM has more than fulfilled the task it was designed for.

Each day the market grows larger and the queue of new companies hoping to join shows few signs of trailing off. All of a sudden every businessman, and his dog, is aware of the opportunities available once a quote is secured. So the spread of companies now quoted on the USM has become wide and diverse. Interests range from extracting protein from waste products to high-stepping dance studios.

Last week one of the most bizarre offerings yet was placed in front of investors. Plan Invest Group claims to be one of Britain's largest independent unit trust portfolio advisers, handling funds of around £25m. The broker Robert Wigram is placing 878,000 shares, around 49 per cent of issued capital, with clients at 62½p a share. It capitalizes the entire group at a mere £1.375m, making it one of the smallest companies quoted on the USM.

Operating with a team of only 13, *Plan Invest has few assets* and relies heavily on the ability of its expert advisers. The group specializes in unit trusts but has no fund of its own and merely advises amateur and professional investors alike on where to invest their money – a service that every self-respecting firm of stockbrokers should have no difficulty in offering.

Both London and Tokyo are currently in the midst of a strong bull market, so the opportunity for lucrative investments remains high. The real test for Plan Invest will come during the next bear market, especially in the field of unit trusts where specialist situations are common.

Plan Invest has other strings to its bow, including a 49 per cent stake in HCPI, a company supplying financial planning services to professional investors. HCPI's largest shareholder is the Manchester stockbroking firm of Henry Cooke, Lumsden. It also provides a comprehensive service on personal money investments.

Part of the sale proceeds will be used to launch "a new product" in the unit trust field. Over the past five years pretax profits have grown from £37,000 to £155,000, but the group has declined to make a forecast for the current year and merely states "the directors view prospects with confidence".

The thinness of the market shoud ensure the shares open at a premium in first-time dealings later today will close observers looking for around 90p, but the subsequent performance of the price may depend heavily on the fortunes of the market.

The merger of William Morris, an old-established firm specializing in metal sculptures, with Peterlee, the wallpaper specialists, may seem an odd marriage at first glance, but has more going for it than meets the eye.

William Morris has designed and sculptured many of London's most famous landmarks, including the figure of Justice on top of the Old Bailey, the mermaid fountains in Tralfalgar and the sculptures of one of London's Zoo's most famous inmates – Guy the gorilla.

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However, the biggest side of the group's business is in wallpaper, which last year acounted for 70 per cent of sales. Peterlee now controls a large slice of the washable wallpaper market and hopes to use the proceeds from its flotation, amounting to £500,000, to expand still further

Peterlee was bought by William Morris last month following the issue of 1,300,000 shares at 10p and last year made pretax profits of £335,000 on sales of £2.53m. This compares with the £148,000 William Morris made during the same period.

William Morris is joining the USM via a reverse takeover of Ceylon and Indian Planter's Holdings, which is currently quoted under Rule 163. The broker Le Mare, Martin is placing 5 million shares, 12 per cent of the equity, at 10p par following the pattern now firmly established by Le Mare in all of its half-dozen or so USM placings. At this level the group is valued at £4m.

Peterlee hopes it can harness the design experize of William Morris, built up over the past 130 years, to increase its shares of the washable wallpaper market, while the demand for Singer cast sculptures will only add icing to the cake.

Le Mare Martin is no newcomer to the USM and its practice of offering shares at par level has proved highly successful in the past. There is no reason to think this will not be the case with William Morris. Dealing start later today.

By way of a change, ET Sutherland, the chilled and canned meats company, is coming to the USM by way of an offer for sale. The broker Scrimgeour Kemp Gee is offering 3,250,000 shares (25 per cent) at 95p, valuing the group at £24.24m. Of the shares being offered, one million are made up of equity from which the group hopes to raise an extra £725,000

Sutherland is an old-established family business concentrating on the fast-growing chilled meats market in the north and last year saw pretax profits up by nearly 20 per cent, to £1.6m on sales of £20.3m. Sutherland hopes to expand further south with the proceeds from the sale and should open at a healthy pemium on Friday week.

APPOINTMENTS

Director for Hill Samuel Shipping

Hill Samuel Shipping Holdings: **Mr Michael Robinson** will join the board on June 1 and will be responsible for marketing and services of Lambert Bros Shipping and Wallem & Co of Hongkong. He has resigned as marketing director of British Shipbuilders.

Windsor Securities (Holdings): **Mr G. M. Fairweather** has become a non-executive director.

East Midland Allied Press: From May 1, **Mr Robin Miller** becomes chief executive (printing and publishing).

John Lewis Partnership: **Mr J. S. Sadler** has been appointed deputy chairman in succession to Mr J. A. Powell who has resigned his directorship upon his retirement as the partnership's deputy chairman and general inspector finance director. **Mr B. C. G. Hutchings**, who succeeds Mr Powell as general inspector becomes a director.

John Maunders Construction: **Mr John Fallows** has been made chief executive of John Maunders Construction's new subsidiary, Haven Retirement Homes.

City Capital Markets Committee: **Mr E. E. Ray**, a partner in Spicer and Pegler, is to join the committee.

FT – ACTUARIES INDICES	
INDUSTRIAL GROUP	531.09 (527.24)
500 SHARE INDEX	583.01 (579.05)
*EARNINGS YIELD	9.54% (9.61)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.15% (4.17%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.95 (12.85)
ALL SHARE INDEX	534.83 (532.18)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.33% (4.35%)
* estimated	(previous close)

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Today. Dealings End, May 11. § Contango Day. May 14. Settlement Day. May 21.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

FT STOCK INDICES	
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	81.98 (82.07)
FIXED INTEREST	86.24 (86.30)
INDUSTRIAL ORDINARY	908.0 (899.1)
GOLD MINES	684.4 (683.1)
ORDINARY DIVIDEND YIELD	4.26% (4.29%)
EARNINGS YIELD	9.78% (9.87%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.34 (12.23)
P.E. RATIO (NIL)	11.76 (11.65)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock			Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
SHORTS							
1250m	Exch	3¼	1984	98		3.032	10.763
1050m	Treas	12¼	1984	101		11.860	8.743

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
25.4m	Anglia TV 'A'	192	-4	10.0	5.2	16.1
811.9m	Anglo Amer Ind	£17¼	+¼	102	5.8	8.9
7,292,000	Aquascutum 'A'	43½	+½	2.9	6.7	17.8
326.1m	Argyll Grp	168	+1	6.4	3.8	18.9
21.2m	Ash & Lacy	510	-3	25.7	5.0	9.8
33.1m	Ass Book	303	-3	10.7	3.5	12.7
676.9m	Ass Brit Food	170	-2	6.9	4.0	7.6
1,140.4m	Ass Dairies	174	+4	3.7	2.1	25.2
15.8m	Ass Fisheries	90	..	3.6	4.0	8.5
154.4m	Ass News	508	+10	14.9	2.9	23.9

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
5,052.6m	GEC	184	+6	4.5	2.4	13.0
67.1m	Do F Rate	£100⅛	..	1058	10.5	..
27.7m	GEI	78	+1	7.6	9.7	16.1
—	Gen Mtr BDR	237	+10	13.5	5.7	..
45.1m	Gestetner 'A'	98	+2	1.9	1.9	..
7,166,000	Gieves Grp	122	+14	5.0b	4.1	10.3
133.0m	Gill & Duffus	202	-1	14.3	7.1	10.1
3,258.0m	Glaxo Hldgs	885	+7	14.6	1.7	28.9
18.9m	Gleeson M.J.	189	..	6.4	3.4	9.4
4,489,000	Glossop PLC	63	+1	4.9	7.7	32.3

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
1,224.7m	Racal Elect	229	+17	4.0	1.7	17.2
480.7m	Rank Org Ord	238	-4	14.3	6.0	24.4
255.0m	RHM	91	+1	5.7	6.2	6.4
14.8m	Ratners	50	+4	3.3	6.6	..
17.5m	Rayheck	48	-3	1.0	2.0	25.3
413.5m	RMC	466	+4	17.1	3.7	11.8
633.5m	Reckitt & Colman	513	+13	17.7	3.5	13.5
6,494,000	Redfearn Nat	107	-4	0.1	0.1	
662.7m	Redland	316	+18	12.1	3.8	20.4
2,977,000	Redman Heenan	16	..			

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
616.7m	MEPC	302	-3	11.4	3.8	26.3
19.9m	McKay Secs	140	+2	5.2	3.7	25.1
19.9m	Markheath	131		13.9	10.6	.
12.2m	Marlborough	57		0.6b	1.1	35.2
5,401,000	Marler Estates	118		2.9	2.6	.

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

DOLLAR STOCKS

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A – B

C – E

F – H

I – N

O – S

T – Z

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

SHIPPING

MINES

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

INSURANCE

Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
Heath C. E.	403	+5	21.4	5.3	11.0
Hogg Robinson	267	+8	9.0	4.3	18.9
Legal & Gen	480	+24	26.4	5.5	..
Lib Life SA Rl	£33½	+½	118	3.5	..
London & Man	466	+13	23.5	5.0	..
Ldn Utd Inv	215	+5	15.7	7.3	9.1
Marsh & McLen	£30	..	125	4.1	14.1
Minet Hldgs	173	-3	7.4	4.3	..
Pearl	799	+10	47.1	5.9	..
Phoenix	448	-13	28.3	6.3	..
Prudential	481	+15	27.1	5.6	..
Refuge	466	+30	10.5	2.3	..
Royal	568	-3	40.7	7.2	..

OIL

PROPERTY

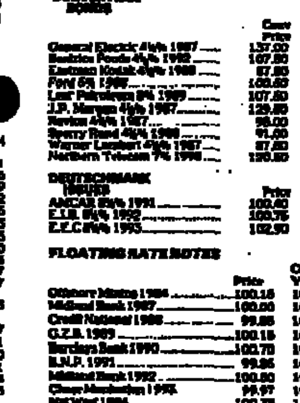
PLANTATIONS

MISCELLANEOUS

UNLISTED SECURITIES

FIXED INTEREST STOCKS

EUROBONDS



INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 8½
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 8⁹⁄₁₆ - 8½
3 month interbank 8¹³⁄₁₆ - 8¹¹⁄₁₆
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10⅞ - 11
3 month DM 5¹¹⁄₁₆ – 5⁹⁄₁₆
3 month Fr F 12¾ - 12½
US rates
Bank prime rate 12.00
Fed funds 10¼
Treasury long bond 94 – 94¹⁄₁₆

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period March 7 to April 4, 1984 inclusive: 8.976 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $377.50 pm $379.25
close $377.75 – 378.25 (£269 – 269.50)
New York (latest): $378.75
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$389-390.50 (£377.25 - 378.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$88.50 – 89.50 (£63 – 63.75)
*Excludes VAT

CRICKET: SOMERSET CAPITALISE ON ERRATIC PITCH

Nothing goes right for Yorkshire

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

TAUNTON: Somerset, with nine second innings wickets in hand, are 153 runs ahead of Yorkshire.

Two bonus points for batting look like being all that Yorkshire will collect from their opening match of the season. From all accounts nothing went right for them on Saturday, and yesterday, in bright weather but on an unsatisfactory pitch, they again had a difficult time. Nothing seemed better to reflect their fortunes than Sidebottom's bowling in the evening, when times without number he beat the bat without taking a wicket.

The reason for their batsmen's problems was the unpredictable bounce of the ball. This led to a day mostly of medium pace, though that is not to say it was a dull one. Moxon made 61 encouragingly well and Sidebottom's 54 not out was a good bluff innings. The answer was to hit hard through the line at anything well pitched up, and to hope for the best

Boycott's influence is to be seen in Moxon's batting. He is solid and watchful though he drives more eagerly than his mentor. It says a lot for him that it came as a surprise when he was out, fending Davis quite firmly to short leg. It had taken Somerset an hour to shift Dennis, the night watchman, but by lunch Yorkshire were still 121 for five. Sharp spent a torrid hour making 3.

Yorkshire had Love, Sidebottom and Stevenson to thank for doubling their score after lunch, three big, strong fellows, who chanced their arm and rattled off the boundaries. The pitch has pace enough for the ball, when it is "there" to go well of the bat. Bairstow had just discovered that, with a skimming straight drive, when he was bowled horrendously, pulling at something which was nothing like short enough for the shot. When Carrick went it was 142 for seven but Love was given a life at slip and then Sidebottom and Stevenson staged their spirited rally.

There will be few better attended championship days at Taunton this season. Although there was no Richards as an attraction, three sides of the old ground were pretty full. Crowe, Richards's replacement, bowled sturdily: Davis, being given a chance in Garner's absence, is the double of Malcolm Nash, of Glamorgan, only a yard or two faster.

Boycott, meanwhile, has become involved, unwittingly I think, in some petty little row about wearing his England shirt on Saturday evening. That is the one with a lion and three stumps on the pocket. England caps, sweaters and ties, as well as MCC touring colours have been proudly worn by many generations of great cricketers other than when on England duty. If the powers that be are going to worry when Boycott bats in his shirt, heaven help us.

TAUNTON: Somerset, First innings 298 for 5 dec (P M Roebuck 145, J G Wyatt 67).

Second innings
J G Wyatt c Moxon b Carrick 13
P M Roebuck not out 51
M D Crowe not out 7
Extras (b5, l-b 18, n-b 3) 26
Total (1 wkt) 97

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–58

B C Rose*, I T Botham, P W Denning, J W Lloyds, V J Marks, †T Gard, C H Dredge and M R Davis to bat

YORKSHIRE: First innings
G Boycott c Davis b Botham 6
M D Moxon c Crowe b Davis 61
S J Dennis l-b-w b Dredge 16
R G Lumb l-b-w b Crowe 0
K Sharp c Lloyds b Davis 30
J D Love c Marks b Davis 27
*†D L Bairstow b Dredge 5
P Carrick l-b-w b Botham 5
A Sidebottom not out 54
G B Stevenson c Crowe b Dredge 27
S D Fletcher b Davis 4
Extras (b 4, l-b 2, w 1) 7
Total (72.2 overs) 242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–47, 3–50, 4–113, 5–127, 6–135, 7–142, 8–163, 9–221, 10–242.

BOWLING. Botham 13-4-23-2; Davis 19.2-2-75-4; Crowe 19-4-57-1; Dredge 18-3-74-3; Marks 3-1-6-0.

Umpires: W E Alley and A Jepson.



Moxon on his way to 61 (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Men of Kent zealous as the waitress

By Alan Gibson

GLOUCESTERSHIRE, 10 second innings wickets in hand, are 154 runs behind Kent.

On Saturday, Kent had scored 412 for seven, and taken one Gloucestershire wicket, that of Stovold, for 38. I was not here, preoccupied by matters at Twickenham, but everyone assured me it was a beautiful pitch, the fastest outfield known in Britisol for more than 20 springs, Zaheer was bound to get a double century, etcetera.

But it was not a happy day, either for Gloucestershire or for me. My wife kindly drove me to the ground, stopped to get petrol at Keynsham, ran up £15.50 on the clock and then innocently discovered she has somehow left her purse at home. That cleaned me out, pretty well, and the first thing I had to do was cash a cheque from the always helpful Gloucestershire office.

Romaines was caught at the wicket off a ball which bounced from a good length. Athey was bowled by one from Underwood which kept low (Graveny was out in just the same way later). From this you will deduce that the pitch, while not a really bad one, had developed an uneven bounce. Kent bowled and fielded accurately.

Zaheer was caught at the wicket, an inside edge, a good catch. Bainbridge played a ball from his pad to his forehead, and had to retire the ball after he had taken his helmet off. At lunch the score was 89 for four. Shepherd and Wright made a plucky stand. Shepherd was well caught by Underwood, running back from mid-off. He is still some cricketer, this Underwood.

Bainbridge returned, but was soon caught at slip. At tea, 177 for seven in 93 overs, Gloucestershire were in trouble. The question now was whether they could save the follow on.

Wright and Russell made a brave effort, but Wright went at 190, the rest did not take long, and Gloucestershire were batting again by 6.40, not very confidently. It will need a great innings by someone today to save it.

I feel I should mark this report "E & O E" because my notes and scorecard were swept away in the early evening by a zealous waitress tidying up my table while I was away on the telephone. I did tell you it had not been a lucky day.

BRISTOL: Kent, first innings: 412 for 7 dec (R A Woolmer 153, D G Aslett 140).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings
A W Stovold c Johnson b Ellison 19
P W Romaines c Knott b Ellison 24
C J W Athey b Underwood 22
Zaheer Abbas c Knott b Jarvis 10
P Bainbridge c Cowdrey b Woolmer 2
A J Wright b Jarvis 37
J N Shepherd c Underwood b Woolmer 47
*D A Graveney b Underwood 4
†R C Russell c Knott b Jarvis 25
G E Sainsbury not out 3
D V Lawrence c Underwood b Ellison 4
Extras (b 1, l-b 3, n-b3) 7
Total (106 overs) 204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–33, 2–58, 3–77, 4–79, 5–151, 6–152, 7–184, 8–190, 9–199, 10–204.

BOWLING: Jarvis 23-6-51-3; Ellison 28-6-62-3; Underwood 27-14-25-2; Penn 16-2-36-0; Johnson 8-2-17-0; Woolmer 4-0-16-2.

Second Innings
A W Stovold not out 33
P W Romaines not out 21
Total (no wkt) 54

Umpires: D J Constant and J H Harris.

Saturday's scores

CHESTERFIELD: Leicestershire 297 (88 overs, P Willey 102, *D I Gower 70; G Miller 4 for 32). Derbyshire 81 for 1 (26 overs, K J Barnett 52 not out)

Bonus points: Leicestershire 3, Derbyshire 4.

LORD'S: Middlesex, First innings 373 for 7 dec (C T Radley 128 not out, M W Gatting 55, P R Downton 52)

Glamorgan, First innings 12 for 0 (6 overs).

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Glamorgan 2.

OTHER MATCH

OXFORD: Oxford University, First innings 90 (P J W Allott 4 for 21)

Lancashire, First innings 136 for 3 (J A Ormrod 50).

Today's cricket

11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0

County Championship

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Leicestershire (11.0 to 5.30)

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Kent

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex

LORD'S: Middlesex v Glamorgan (11.0 to 5.30)

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Surrey

TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire

BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

Other match

OXFORD: Oxford University v Lancashire (11.30 to 6.30).

Rice loosens up to give his side a grip

By Peter Ball

Some people have suggested that this could be Nottinghamshire's year. Clive Rice, their captain, agrees with them and backed his words with an exhilarating innings of 86 that paved the way for his side to take a grip on this match with Surrey.

Until Rice arrived at the wicket, both sets of batsmen had been making hard work of things, batting suspiciously on a pitch which offered some pace, bounce and spin. Surrey added only 14 runs to their overnight total as Hadlee, who did not concede a run in his 6.3-over spell, and Such shared the remaining four wickets.

Nottinghamshire began equally uncertainly as Pocock bowled beautifully for most of his initial 19-over spell. On another day he might have taken five for 20 without being unduly flattered. But with Richards even more discomforted than the batsmen by the turn and lift, the early chances went begging.

Eventually, with the last ball before lunch, Pocock broke a solid opening stand as Robinson failed to kill the spin and played on. Randall went almost immediately, edging a Clarke flyer to Richards to give the bowlers further encouragement.

Randall's departure brought in Rice and with Broad, who was using his pads as frequently as his bat against Pocock, surviving another chance to continue as sheet anchor, Rice took over. After a circumspect beginning, he abruptly removed Clarke from the attack, pulling, driving and hooking him for 18 in four balls. Having given Broad a 31-over start, Rice caught him on 34 in the course of eight overs and rapidly moved ahead with elegant and forceful strokes.

Pocock had the last word on his return just before tea, finding the bottom edge, and a relieved Richards this time hung on to the chance. Broad continued into the evening before Thomas, whose underemployment previously had been incomprehensible, ended an innings lasting 253 minutes, but without a memorable stroke.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire, First innings 175 (G Monkhouse 4 for 41)

Second Innings
B C Broad c Richards b Thomas 63
B T Robinson b Pocock 43
D W Randall c Richards b Clarke 9
*C E B Rice c Richards b Pocock 86
B Hassan not out 36
J D Birch c Richards b Knight 75
Extras (b 6, l-b 5, n-b 4) 15
Total (5 wkts, dec) 327

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–75, 2–86, 3–212, 4–228, 5–327.

BOWLING: Clarke 18-1-55-1; Thomas 12-1-38-1; Pocock 33-12-86-2; Needham 17-2-58-0; Monkhouse 6-1-26-0; Knight 14.4-5-49-1.

SURREY: First Innings
A R Butcher c French b Such 13
D B Pauline c Broad b Hadlee 8
*G P Howarth c French b Cooper 4
M A Lynch c Rice b Hadlee 0
R D V Knight c Hassan b Such 8
A Needham c Hassan b Such 50
C J Richards c French b Hadlee 27
†D J Thomas c Hadlee b Such 1
G Monkhouse not out 4
S T Clarke c Randall b Such 5
P I Pocock c French b Hadlee 3
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 2) 6
Total (82.3 overs) 129

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–23, 2–27, 3–27, 4–32, 5–38, 6–115, 7–117, 8–117, 9–123, 10–129.

BOWLING: Hadlee 19.3–13–8–4; Saxelby 8–0–33–0; Such 23–4–52–5; Cooper 7–3–10–1; Rice 5–1–20–0.

Umpires: J W Holder and D O Oslear.

Barnett and Morris pile on the agony

By Richard Streeton

GRACE ROAD: Derbyshire (4 pts) beat Leicestershire by seven wickets.

An attractive second-wicket stand of 98 in 14 overs between Barnett and Morris ensured that Derbyshire would gain an overwhelming win in this opening John Player League match. Derbyshire, set to make 178, always held the initiative against the quicker Leicestershire bowlers, who were wayward in direction.

Morris, 20 this month, joined his captain after Wright was caught at long-off. Both Barnett and Morris pulled or square-cut anything short with certainty, and drove with power. With victory in sight, Barnett was caught swishing against Ferris by Butcher, who took over as wicketkeeper when Garnham retired hurt. A ball from Cook rose sharply and cut Garnham's eye.

This match was brought forward a week at the request of television. It was the only one played yesterday in the competition. Leicestershire's innings owed much to Willey, who with two three-day hundreds already, can do nothing wrong for his new county, and Whitaker, who drove forcefully at a time when the tempo needed lifting.

Gower was run out early on at the bowler's end, looking optimistically for a single from a leg-bye. Willey, aiming a big hit, was fourth out in the thirty-sixth over before Whitaker lofted three straight fours in the same over. Newman took four wickets in eight balls during the final helter-skelter.

LEICESTERSHIRE
*D I Gower run out 13
I P Butcher c Newman b Miller 29
N E Briers b Fowler 0
J J Whitaker c Morris b Newman 41
†M A Garnham c Wright b Newman 2
T J Boon not out 12
J P Agnew c Taylor b Newman 1
L B Taylor b Newman 0
N G B Cook not out 10
Extras (b 1, l-b 6, w 2) 9
Total (8 wkts) 177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–21, 2–75, 3–78, 4–136, 5–152, 6–152, 7–162, 8–162.

BOWLING: Mortensen 8-1-45-1; Finney 8-1-38-0; Miller 8-3-11-1; Fowler 8-1-29-1; Newman 8-0-44-4.

DERBYSHIRE
*K J Barnett c Butcher b Ferris 55
J G Wright c Boon b Cook 35
T E Morris not out 60
J H Hampshire b Agnew 8
G Miller not out 5
Extras (b 1, l-b 3, n-b 4) 8
Total (3 wkts, 36.2 overs) 181

W P Fowler, R J Finney, B Roberts, †R W Taylor, P G Newman and O H Mortensen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1–67, 2–165, 3–176.

BOWLING: Ferris 8-0-46-1; Agnew 8-1-22-1; Cook 8-0-31-1; Willey 8-1-19-0; Briers 1-0-15-0; Taylor 5.2-0-40-0.

Points: Derbyshire 4 pts, Leicestershire 0.

Umpires: D Bird and B Leadbeater.

Bailey's unbeaten century

A patient century from Cook, the captain, and an undefeated maiden hundred by Bailey highlighted the second day's play when Northamptonshire scored 391 for five declared off 106 overs, in reply to Warwickshire's 438 for five declared at Edgbaston.

At the close, Warwickshire were 38 for two, a lead of 85. Cook had ten fours in his 102 in 259 minutes. Useful contributions by Larkins (45) and Lamb (57) set the scene for Bailey's entrance.

In only his third County Championship innings, he three times cleared the ring off Norman Gifford. He shot to 50 in 66 minutes and his hundred arrived in only 145 minutes off 146 balls, included 13 fours and four sixes.

Partnered by David Capel, (48) they added 112 in 24 overs.

Worcestershire v Sussex

at Worcester

WORCESTER: Sussex, First innings 207 (A P Pridgeon 4 for 78)

Second innings
G D Mendis l-b-w b Ellcock 116
*J R T Barclay b Pridgeon 0
P W G Parker b Ellcock 15
C M Wells l-b-w b Inchmore 9
A P Wells l-b-w b Ellcock 0
I A Greig l-b-w b Pridgeon 32
†I J Gould c Humphries b Inchmore 16
G S le Roux b Inchmore 16
D A Reeve l-b-w b Inchmore 0
C E Waller not out 4
D K Standing absent hurt 0
Extras (b 4, l-b 3, n-b 8) 14
Total (57 overs) 222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–72, 3–99, 4–100, 5–147, 6–177, 7–209, 8–209, 9–222.

BOWLING: Ellcock 17-2-69-3; Pridgeon 15-2-47-3; Inchmore 16-0-71-4; Patel 2-1-2-0; Illingworth 7-0-19-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings
M J Weston c Parker b Reeve 5
T S Curtis lbw b C M Wells 69
D M Smith c Waller b le Roux 23
D N Patel b Reeve 3
*P A Neale lbw b Greig 38
D B d'Oliveira lbw b Greig 2
†D J Humphries not out 88
R K Illingworth c Barclay b le Roux 33
J D Inchmore lbw b Greig 3
E M Ellcock run out 1
A P Pridgeon lbw b Greig 0
Extras (b 6, lb 4, w 2, nb 4) 16
Total (74 overs) 281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–31, 3–34, 4–128, 5–134, 6–191, 7–273, 8–276, 9–279, 10–281

BOWLING: le Roux 16-4-58-2; Reeve 14-0-61-2; Greig 25-5-91-4; C M Wells 7-1-37-1; Waller 12-5-23-0.

[illegible] Innings
M J Weston c Gould b le Roux 14
T S Curtis b Reeve 5
D M Smith not out 53
D N Patel c sub b Waller 30
*P A Neale l-b-w b Greig 6
D B d'Oliveira not out 19
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 1) 22
Total (4 wkts) 151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–10, 2–27, 3–93, 4–120.

BOWLING: le Roux 11-2-42-1; Reeve 11-2-41-1; Greig 9-1-32-1; Waller 2-0-10-1; Parker 0.2-0-4-0.

Umpires: P B Wight and R A White.

Hampshire v Essex

at Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON Essex first innings 449 for 5 dec (G A Gooch 220, K S McEwan 89

HAMPSHIRE: First innings
V P Terry c East b Lever 0
C L Smith c McEwan b Foster 20
M C J Nicholas c East b Pringle 147
T E Jesty c East b Lever 9
*N E J Pocock l-b-w b Lever 6
N G Cowley c Pringle b Phillip 20
†R J Parks run out 1
T M Tremlett c Gladwin b Pringle 16
R Maru not out 20
E L Reifer c East b Foster 19
S J Malone b Foster 0
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 14) 18
Total (101.2 overs) 276

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–52, 3–75, 4–88, 5–126, 6–127, 7–182, 8–250, 9–276, 10–276.

BOWLING: Lever 28-7-75-3; Foster 19.2-4-52-3; Phillip 15-2-55-1; Pringle 20-8-41-2; Acfield 19-9-35-0.

[illegible] Innings
V P Terry not out 14
C L Smith b Lever 4
M C J Nicholas not out 8
Total (1 wkt) 26

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–18.

Bonus points: Hampshire 5, Essex 7.

Umpires: P J Eele and R Palmer.

Warwicks v Northants

at Edgbaston

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire, first innings: 438 for 5 dec (A I Kallicharran 200 not out, T A Lloyd 110, G W Humpage 63)

[illegible] innings
K D Smith l-b-w b Mallender 2
T A Lloyd c Cook b Mallender 24
D L Amiss not out 3
G C Small not out 2
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 3) 7
Total (2 wkts) 38

A I Kallicharran, †G W Humpage, G J Lord, A M Ferreira, P A Smith, C Lethbridge and *N Gifford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–23, 2–34.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings
*G Cook l-b-w b Lethbridge 102
W Larkins l-b-w b Ferreira 45
R J Boyd-Moss c Lethbridge b Ferreira 1
A J Lamb c Small b Gifford 57
R J Bailey not out 100
D J Capel c Ferreira b Lethbridge 48
D S Steele not out 8
Extras (l-b 19, n-b 11) 30
Total (5 wkts, dec) 391

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–80, 2–82, 3–185, 4–280, 5–372.

BOWLING: Small 20-3-83-0; Ferreira 28-7-54-2; Gifford 27-7-75-1; Lethbridge 21-3-75-2; P A Smith 12-0-74-0.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and C Cook.

Bonus points: Northants 5, Warwickshire 5.

Australia shot out for moderate total

Kingston (Reuter) – West Indies, who have already established a winning 2-0 lead in the series against Australia, took a firm grip on the fifth and last Test at Sabina Park.

Clive Lloyd, playing in his hundredth Test, won the toss and elected to field. Although the pitch was slow, the fast bowlers Marshall and Garner shot out Australia for only 199. In reply, West Indies were 25 without loss at the close.

AUSTRALIA: First innings
W B Phillips c Dujon b Garner 12
S B Smith c Greenidge b Marshall 9
A R Border c Dujon b Marshall 41
G M Ritchie c Dujon b Marshall 5
†K J Hughes c Harper b Holding 19
D W Hookes b Harper 36
G R J Matthews st Dujon b Harper 7
T G Hogan c and b Garner 25
G F Lawson c Harper b Garner 15
E M Hogg not out 1
G N Maguire b Baptiste 9
Extras (b-8, lb-4, nb-7, w-1) 20
Total 199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–22, 2–23, 3–34, 4–73, 5–113, 6–124, 7–142, 8–161, 9–190, 10–199.

BOWLING: Marshall, 18-4-37-3; Garner, 17-4-42-3; Holding, 12-2-43-1; Baptiste, 11-3-39-1; Harper, 20-7-26-2.

WEST INDIES: First innings
C G Greenidge not out 17
D L Haynes not out 8
Total (no wkts) 25

R B Richardson, I V A Richards†, C H Lloyd†, P J Dujon, M D Marshall, E A E Baptiste, R A Harper, J Garner and M A Holding to bat.

Bowling (to date): Lawson 3-0-12-0; Hogg 2-0-13-0.

(Under playing conditions for the series, no-balls and wides are debited to bowlers' analyses).

Operation successful

Eugene, Oregon (Reuter). – Joan Benoit, the world record holder in the women's marathon, has undergone a successful operation on her right knee.

ATHLETICS

Miss Budd to race Mrs Waitz in Oslo

By Pat Butcher

Zola Budd is to run against Greta Waitz and Ingrid Kristiansen in the Oslo 10 kilometres road race next Sunday, which is a move similar to pushing Daniel into the lion's den. Mrs Waitz and Mrs Kristiansen might prove to be friendy lionesses at Miss Budd's first public press conference, scheduled for next Friday afternoon in Oslo, but once out on their home trails, the Norweigians, two of the best women distance runners in the world, could pose problems for Miss Budd.

Mrs Waltz is the doyenne of road runners, from 10 kilometres, in which she holds the world's best time, to the amrathon, where she is world champion. She broke her training for the Los Angeles Olympic marathon recenty on a late decision, to contest the world cross-country championship – which she had previously won five times – over five kilometres. Even at that short distance, manifestly unprepared, she was only out-sprinted in the last 200 metres, and finished third.

Mrs Kristiansen, who, Mrs Waitz admits, is getting better and better, finished fourth. She, too, has run under two hours 30 minutes for the marathon, and is the outstanding favourite for the London marathon the following week. Only Mary Decker, the world 1500 and 3000 metres champion, and Wendy Sly of Britain could hope to contend with the Norweigans over 10 kilometres. There is the manitude of Mis Budd's task.

She does not, however, go into this international baptism as a Briton without some chance of success. Miss Budd has run three 10 kilometre road races, with a best time of 32min 30sec. That is more than a minute outside Mrs Waltz's world best, but, significantly, Miss Budd did it nine months ago in her home town of Blomfontein, which is more than 4,500 feet above sea level, an altitude which severely affects distance-running performances.

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GOLF

Clark comes in from the cold with a long awaited win

From Mitchell Platts
Madrid

Howard Clark achieved his first win for six years yesterday, holding onto the lead in the Madrid Open with a final round of 71 which left him three strokes ahead of José Maria Cañizares of Spain.

For Paul Hoad, Clark's fellow Britain, the day was one of disappointment as he slipped from second to eighth place with a 77.

Whatever happens to Clark in the future there can be little doubt that the Yorkshireman has suffered more than his fair share of disappointment. In many respects success came too easily for him in 1978 when he won the Portuguese and Madrid Opens within three weeks. From that moment he was compelled to accept that he was regarded as a player of enormous potential who still needed to prove the point on his own soil.

During his long barren spell, Clark has been overtaken by emerging craftsmen such as Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle, while his own form deteriorated to such an extent that he tumbled from fifth in the order of merit in 1978 to as low as twenty-eighth.

There were domestic problems which undoubtedly created distractions that affected Clark's concentration, but he would be the first to confess that his achievements in 1978 proved a burden which he found difficult to carry.



Clark: six-year wait

Many golfers have found themselves in a similar wilderness. Ken Brown went from 1978 to 1983 without winning, and John O'Leary's Irish Open victory in 1982 followed six years without him climbing the winners' rostrum.

Clark, out in 35, believed it could have been 29. He emerged, following a two and a half hour stoppage because of torrential rain, brimming with confidence. And his golf reflected his feelings. He hit an eight iron close for a birdie at the fourth, and holed from 12 feet for another at the seventh.

Clark, however, possessed the pedigree of being a former British boy's champion and a Walker cup player and so his double success in 1978 seemed certain to be the launching pad to a successful career in the professional world. Even so, he is still only 29 and has much to look forward to. Since he has represented his country on two occasions in the Ryder Cup, clark has proved that he is a sound competitor. He proved it again yesterday.

FINAL SCORES: (GB unless stated): 274: H Clark 66, 68, 69, 71. 277: J M Cañizares (Sp) 68, 71, 70, 68. 278: D Frost (SA) 69, 69, 71, 69. 279: E Darcy (Ire) 71, 68, 71, 69. 281: M Johnson 68, 70, 73, 70; M Poxon 70, 72, 68, 71. 282: S Ballesteros (Sp) 71, 72, 70, 69; A Garrido (Sp) 69, 74, 71, 68; M Ballesteros (Sp) 73, 70, 67, 72; D Russell 72, 69, 69, 72; D Smyth (Ire) 71, 69, 70, 72. 283: M Mannelli (It) 70, 73, 69, 71; J Rivero (Sp) 70, 70, 68, 75. 284: P Hoad 69, 67, 71, 77. 285: M King 71, 73, 70, 71; G Brand Sr 72, 71, 69, 73; P Walton (Ire) 69, 77, 65, 74. 286: V Fernandez (Arg) 66, 76, 70, 72; B Waites 71, 73, 69, 73. 287: J Bland (SA) 73, 70, 74, 70; S Martin 74, 71, 71, 71; J Davila (Sp) 71, 69, 76, 71; A Jacklin 73, 69, 73, 72; C Mason 73, 69, 72, 73.

ROWING

Crew in medal hunt

From Richard Burnell, Mannheim

Britain's coxed four, leading from the start, overwhelmed West Germany, fourth in last year's world championships, in the final 500 metres at the Mannheim Regatta yesterday. With Stephen Redgrave at stroke, this outstanding performance clearly indicated that here is a crew which could be in the medal hunt in Los Angeles.

Yet two members of this crew are less than willing victims of Penny Chuter's press-gang policy. Redgrave would prefer to scull and Richard Budgett to row in a coxed pair.

All three of Britain's coxless fours qualified for their final.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: Coxless Fours: 1, Hansa Dortmund (WG) 5m 31.22s; 4: Nottingham/Leander (GB) 5m 40.15s. Coxed Pairs: Gresch Gresch/Goplert (WG) 6m 35.42. 2, Wensley/Cadoux-Hudson (GB) 6m 44.83s. Coxed Fours: 1, Gt Britain 5m 43.37. 2, West Germany 5m 45.19. 3. Coxless Pairs 1, Vehrson/Wegener (WG) 6m 15.28s 6, Leder/Leder (GB) 6m 34.84s. Single Sculls 1, Kolbe (WG) 6m 29.78. 2, Karpinnen (Fin) 6m 31.97. 3, Redgrave (GB) 6m 39.24s.

SUNDAY: Coxed Fours: 1, GB 5m 52.43. 2, West Germany 5m 59.73: Double sculls Lindros/Reima Karpinnen (Fin) 6m 28.37. Coxless Pairs: Twittman/Goplerd (WG)6m 47.84. Leder/Leder (GB) did not qualify. Quad Sculls: West Germany 5m 51.92. Coxless Fours: 1, West Germany 5.45.97; 2, Denmark 5m 48.51s. 3, Great Britain (Lawther) 5m 50.98. 4, Sweden 5m 54.23. 5, Great Britain (Bland) 5m 55.85; 6, Great Britain (Clift) 5m 58.36Women's Singles Sculls: 1, Racila (Rom) 4m 02.03s. Mitchell did not qualify. Coxed PairsGresch/Gopfort (WG) 7m 01.56s. 4, Wensley/Cadoux-Hudson (GB) 7m 15.71s Single Sculls: 1: Perth Karpinnen (Fin) 6m 59.25. Quad sculls 1, W Germany 5m 37.83s. Eighths: 1, West Germany 5m 28.97s.

SNOOKER

White in strong position

Jimmy White was at his best as he raced towards a quarter-final place in the Embassy world professional snooker championship at the Crucible theater, Sheffield

White, aged 21, trailed 5-3 overnight behind the Australian champion, Eddie Charlton, seeded No 6, but took seven out of eight frames in the second session of their best of 25 frames second round match yesterday.

White the No 11 seed, battered Charlton with breaks of 80, 79, 44, 61, 34 before ending the session with an 82 clearance in four minutes and 25 seconds. White, who won his first major title, the Benson and Hedges, last January looks the danger man in the bottom half of the draw.

Neal Foulds' run appeared to be over, the 20-year-old London qualifier who beat Alex Higgins in the first round, stood two frames from defeat, 11-5 down against the Welsh champion, Doug Mountjoy.

John Parrott showed that his first round win over fourth seeded Tony Knowles was no fluke as he made the Irishman Dennis Taylor struggle

Parrott, aged 19, from Liverpool, shared the first session of the match 4-4 and was most impressive in winning the fifth frame 68-60, with a 39 clearance after Taylor, the No 13 seed, had opened with a break of 60.

Thorburn, Canada's third seeded 1980 World Champion, and last year's runner-up to Davis, leads 5-3 against Leicester qualifier Willie Thorne in their second round match

SECOND ROUND: R Reardon bt S Francisco (SA) 13-8, T Griffiths bt W Werbeniuk (Can) 13-5, Dennis Taylor level with J Parrott 4-4; J White leads E Charlton (Aust) 10-6; D Mountjoy leads N Foulds 11-5.

White: fast and sure

VOLLEYBALL

Spikers prove best

By Paul Harrison

Capital City Spikers left no on in any doubt about their status as the top team in England with a crushing 3-0 defeat of Speedwell Rucanor in the MIkasa Cup final in Shoreditch, East London, yesterday.

Speedwell, who had already lost their league title to the London side, also gave up their cup in 50 minutes 15-13, 15-3, 15-10. Apart form the first set, in which Speedwell led 8-3, and 13-9, before being pegged back, Capital City were never headed.

In the third set particularly, the Bristol side could find no answer to the power of Neville McKenzie's spiking, and it was no surprise that McKenzie, one of seven England internationals in the Spikers side, was named Man-of-the-Match.

JUNIOR FINALS: Men: Malory 3, Newcastle (Staffs) 0 (15-11, 15-11, 15-8). Women: Brdaford Mythbreakers 3, Speedwell Rucanor 2 (14-16, 10-15, 15-11, 16-14, 15-11).

● Volvo trucks finally wrestled the Royal Bank Scottish Cup from Murray International Metals in Edinburgh yesterday, winning a thrilling five set final. MIM, winners of the trophy for the last eight years, were two sets up at one point but the Ardrossan side, only formed last summer, came back to win 14-16, 3-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-3.

It was MIM'S first defeat at the hands of another Scottish sice for over two years an the team looked jaded after their recent six day trip to Kuwait. Telford won their third successive women's cup but were given a tough workout by Kyle in another five set match. Even in the final set Telford let a 14-9 lead slip but eventually came through 15-8, 12-15, 15-10, 13-15, 15-13 in two hours seven minutes.

BASKETBALL

An Olympic drawback for Britain

By Nicholas Harling

Britain 91
France 88

Delighted though he was with the victory over France on Saturday, Tom Schneeman, Britain's coach, knows there may be a price to pay. The win, coming shortly after the success in Canada, will have warned the other nations in the same pre-Olympic qualifying group in Grenoble that Britain should not be treated lightly.

There are problems with shooting and at guard but with a heavy emphisis on defence in practice, Schneeman has a solid foundation on which to base Britain's attempt to qualify for the Olymic finals. The team's resilience was also in evidence at Bracknell as Britain recovered from a 29-17 deficit midway through the first half to score 16 of the next 20 points. Ironically it was when Schneeman, who is also coach to MIM Edinburgh, took off three of his own clubs players that the recovery got under way, with Johnson and Samson excelling.

A late eight-point burst took Britain clear but France had previously only themselves to blame, missing nine free throws to Britain's six, conceding possession on 29 occasions to Britain's 21.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hard time for St Helens

Only one of yesterday's premiership quarter-final matches produced a close game. St Helens won by 19-13 a bruising derby at Warrington, but there were easy home victories for Hull Kingston Rovers, Hull and Castleford.

The champions, Hull KR trounced Leeds, who were weakened by injury, 54-0. The Australian half back, Dorahy, claimed 22 points. Hull won with similar comfort, beating Bradford Northern 42-12.

Castleford beat the Challenge Cup finalists, Widnes, 36-4.

PREMIERSHIP: First round: Castleford 36, Widnes 4; Hull KR 54, Leeds 0; Hull 42, Bradford Northern 12; Warrington 13, St Helens 19.

SECOND DIVISION: Doncaster 20, Kent Invicta 24; Batley 21, Bramley 28; Carlisle 0, Dewsbury 19; Halifax 50, Rochdale Hornets 9; Cardiff City 34, Huyton 16; Keighley 14, Workington Town 38; Hunslet 16, Huddersfield 29; Barrow 14, Swinton 7. Saturday: York 22, Kent Invicta 20.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

ORLANDO, Florida: 176, B King (US), 69, 67, A Miller (US), 69, 67; M McGeorge (US), 66, 70. 137, C Peger (US), 68, 69; J Stephenson (Aus), 66, 71. 138, C Morse (US), 70, 68, J Ellis (Can), 71, 67, L Cassaday (US), 70, 68, J A Washam (US), 70, 68. 139, B Bunkowsky (Can), 74, 65. 141, M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 70, 71, L Cooke (Ca), 68, 73, S Little (SA), 73, 68. 142, C Montgomery (Swe), 69, 73. 143, P Nilsson (Swe), 74, 69. 144, C Shark (Can), 74, 70; D Aris-Lang (Jam), 75, 69. 145, K Permezel (Aus), 70, 75; A-M Palli (Fr), 71, 74.

NAGOYA, Japan: 275, S Simpson (US), 68, 73, 67, 67; I Aoki 69, 68, 68, 70 (Simpson won sudden-death playoff). 280, Hsu Sheng-San (Taiwan) 68, 69, 70, 73; T Nakajima, 73, 66, 71, 70; A Yabe 70, 66, 70, 74. 281, Chen Tze-Chung (Taiwan), 73, 69, 68, 71; T Nakamura 73, 71, 71, 66; S Takahashi 68, 72, 68, 73. 283, J Nicklaus (US), 73, 68, 71, 71; Y Akitomi 73, 68, 70, 72; T Sakata 66, 73, 70, 74.

LLANDRINDROD WELLS: 1, Porthcawl Comprehensive 225; 2, Neath College 236; 3, Monkton House School, Cardiff 250. Best individual score: D Bagg (Porthcawl Comprehensive), 69.

HOUSTON OPEN: Leading scorers: (US unless stated): 204: J Mahaffey, 68, 68, 68. 206: C Pavin, 70, 68, 68; D Tewell, 68, 70, 68; M O'Meara, 69, 68, 69; B Gardner, 70, 67, 69; R Wadkins, 68, 67, 73. 207: C Peete, 71, 66, 70; R Cochran, 68, 68, 71. 208: N Price (SA), 67, 72, 69; W Levi, 69, 69, 70; A Sills, 66, 71, 71; R Streck, 66, 71, 71; M Donald, 68, 70, 70; D Foreman, 68, 70, 70; W Rogers, 71, 66, 71; B Lietzke, 70, 69, 69.

TROON: 217: G Stewart (Scot), 73, 70, 74. 228: V Thomas (Wales), 76, 72, 78. 228: M Madill (Ire), 79, 72, 77; W Aitken (Scot), 75, 72, 81.

GYMNASTICS

RIMINI: European junior championships: Women: 1 equal, E Zabrodina (USSR), 39.300, M Barakaanova (USSR), 39.300; 3, N Frolova (USSR), 39.050; 4, D Silvas (Rom), 38.800; 5, A Drevjana (Cz), 38.750.

SQUASH RACKETS

CALGARY: World junior team championship: Australia 3, Pakistan 0; England 2, Canada 1; Scotland 2, New Zealand 1; Wales 3, Ireland 0; United States 2, W Germany 1; Sweden 3, Finland 0.

BASKETBALL

BRACKNELL: International: Great Britain 91 (Johnson 26, Samson 13), France 88 (Beugnot 19, Dacoury 15, Senegal 10).

OSLO: European Championships, Qualifying tournament: Denmark 80, Iceland 79; Norway 78, Portugal 76.

Latest standings

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	3	3	0	265	213	6
Denmark	3	3	0	254	130	6
Portugal	4	2	2	287	280	4
Iceland	3	0	3	198	229	0
Scotland	3	0	3	204	265	0

COLORADO SPRINGS: Women's matches: United States 86, China 66; United States 82, South Korea 58; United States 112, Hungary 69.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Quarter final playoff: Los Angeles Lakers 134, Dallas Mavericks 91 (Lakers lead series 1-0).

ROWING

PUTNEY: Eights: Senior B: Imperial College bt Tiffin School, 1l; Senior C: Barclays Bank bt Midland Bank, 2½l. Coxless fours: Senior A: Thames bt Imperial College, 1¾l; Senior B: Cygnet bt Nat West Bank, easily. Coxed fours: Senior A: Thames bt Vesta, 2l; Senior C: Poplar bt London, 3l; Novice: Queen's, Cambridge bt Walbrook, 2½l. Pairs: Elite B: Thames bt Vesta, 4l. Sculls: Senior B: N. Alloway (Imperial College) bt J. Anson (London), ¾l; Novice: T. Levy (Thames) bt J. Donovan (Putney Town), easily.

SPEEDWAY

SHEFFIELD: England 58, US 50. England: M Lee (16), S Wigg, P Collins, D Jessup (10 each), C Morton (9), N Collins (2), L Collins (1). US: S Moran (15), D Sigtos (14), J Cook (9), L King (7), B Schwartz (5), S Ermolenko (0), R Miller (0).

EQUESTRIANISM

BREDA, Netherlands: Three-day event: Leading standings after dressage, speed and endurance: 1, M Marquibielle (Fr), Chupa Chups 39.45 pts; 2, W Sneyders (Bel), Wodan 40.35; 3, E Stibbe (Neth), Autumn Wanderer 40.65; A Bober (Pol), Bemol 40.65; 5, B Jarecki (Pol), Niewiarza 42.45. Team standings: 1, Poland 129.45 pts; 2, Sweden 135.00; 3, France 137.40; 4, Netherlands 151.65; 5, Belgium 190.10; 6, GB 290.50.

BREDA: 1 C Rylander (Swe) Bror Boldt 36.75 pts, 2 W Huizing (Neth) Chico 37.05, 3 A Waanders (Neth) Autumn Breeze 37.20, 4 E Maes (Bel) Trigane 38.55, 6 M Marquebielle (Fr) Chupa Chups 39.45. 1 Britain 124.20 pts, 2 Netherlands 124.35, 3 Sweden 125.25, 4 Poland 128.25; 5 France 137.40, 6 Belgium 138.00.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: (Friday) Milwaukee Brewers 12, New York Yankees 0; Baltimore Orioles 4, Texas Rangers 3; Boston Red Sox 5, Chicago White Sox 3; Toronto Blue Jays 1, Kansas City Royals 0; Oakland A's 5, Minnesota Twins 3; Cleveland Indians (19 Inns) 8, Detroit Tigers 4; California Angels 9, Seattle Mariners 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: (Friday) St Louis Cardinals 8, Montreal Expos 2; Philadelphia Phillies 8, New York Mets 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 3, Chicago Cubs 2; Cincinnati Reds 9, San Francisco Giants 3; Atlanta Braves 6, Houston Astros 0; Los Angeles Dodgers (rain) 1, San Diego Padres (6 in) 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: (Saturday): St Louis Cardinals 6, Montreal Expos 1; Atlanta Braves 5, Houston Astros 3; New York Mets 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3; Cincinnati Reds 7, San Francisco Giants 6 (13 innings); Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; San Diego Padres 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE (Saturday) Detroit Tigers 6, Cleveland Indians 2; Boston Red Sox 8, Chicago White Sox 7; Oakland A's 7, Minnesota Twins 0; California Angels 10, Seattle Mariners 1; Baltimore Orioles 6, Texas Rangers 1; Toronto Blue Jays 6, Kansas City Royals 0; Milwaukee Brewers 8, New York Yankees 0.

ROAD WALKING

STEYNING: Southern Area 20 mile championship: 1, A James 2.44.23; 2, C Lawton 2.50.27; 3, P Hodkinson 2.53.42. Team: 1, Enfield 42pts., 2, Surrey WC 48, 3, Belgrave 52.

REAL TENNIS

HAMPTON COURT: Bridgeman Cup: Over 50 singles: Semi-finals: G W T Atkins bt W D N Vaughan 6-4, 6-2; D Bevan-Thomas w/o H M H Glover scr. Final: Atkins bt Bevan-Thomas 6-2, 6-3.

CYCLING

BOGOTA: Tour of Colombia: 1, L Herrera, 4hr 36min 8sec; 2, M Ramirez 4:36.09; 3, F Rodriguez, 4:36.09; 4, J Rubiano, 4:36.09; 5, M Cardenas, 4:36.15. Leading overall: 1, Herrera, 22hr 35min 35sec; 2, Rodriguez, 22:36.31; 3, Cardenas, 22:37.01; 4 Ramirez, 22:37.50; 5, Fabio Parra, 22:38.06.

BOGATA: Columbian Classic Final standings (all Colombian): 1, L Herera 25 hrs 15 min 20 sec; 2, F Rodriguez 25:14.36; 3, M Cardenas 25:15.19; 4, M Ramirez 25:15.30; 5, F Parra 25:15.56; 6, A Agudelo 25: 16.36. Final stage: 1, L Fignon (Fr) 2:48.47; 2, A Arfelizabel; 3, O Ardenas; 4, F Cases; 5, O Nairo; 6, L E Murillo all same time. 8, R Miller (GB) 2:48.58.

MARTINA FRANCA, Italy: Tour of Puglia: Fourth stage: Leading placings (Italian unless stated): 1, Argentin, 5:24.20; 2, G Mantovani; 3, E Pedersen (Nor); 4, J Bruggmann (Switz); 5, F Chioccioli, all same time. Final overall placings (Italians unless stated): 1, Mantovani, 20hr 22min 41sec; 2, Torelli, 20:22.49; 3, G Baronchelli, 20:22.51; 4, S Contini, 20:22.53; 5, S Petersen (Den), 20:22.55.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup: Semi-final playoff. Wales Conference: Final: New York Islanders 5, Montreal Canadiens 2 (Canadiens lead best-of-seven series, 2-1) Campbell conference: Final: Edmonton Oilers 8, Minnesota North stars 5 (Oilers lead best-of-seven series, 3-0)

MOTOR RALLYING

PORTO CERVO, Sardinia: Costa Smeralda Rally: 1, H Toivonen (Fin), 8hr 53min 47sec; 2, C Capone (It), Lancia Rally, 57sec behind; 3, D Cerrato (It), Opel Manta 400, 13min 17sec behind. European Championship standings: 1, Capone 160 pts; 2, Toivonen 148.

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Sale 15, Old Waconians 3. Third division: Cheadle B 3, Stockport GS 20; Rochdale 12, Sheffield University A 7.

ATHLETICS

WALNUT, California: 10,000 metres: 1, P Cummings (US) 27:43.7; 2, A Salazar (US), 27:45.7; 3, M Musyoki (Ken), 5,000m: T Harbour (US); Heptathlon: J Joyner 6,387.

DES MOINES, IOWA: 100m: R Richardson (US) 10.32sec. 200m: C Smith (US) 20.55. 400m: C Daniel (US) 45.43. 1,500m: P Black (GB) 3:43.4. 800m: W Wuyke (Ven) 1:47. 10,000m: Y. Ondieki (Ken) 29:00.06.

PHILADELPHIA: 1,500m: A Dixon (US) 3:36.71. Javelin: R Bradstock 276ft 7in.

MARATHON

KARL-MARX STADT: F Konzack (EG) 2.18.3.

COPENHAGEN: 1, A Zachariassen (Den) 2:14.46.

BOXING

NAPLES: European welterweight championship: Patrizio Oliva (It) bt Gomez Fouz (Sp) 4th round.

TENNIS

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France: Golden Racket tournament: Semi-finals: J Aguilera (Sp) bt J L Clerc (Arg) 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; F Luna (Sp) bt T Allan (Aus) 6-4, 7-6. Final: Aguilera bt Luna 6-4, 7-5. Doubles final: P Cash/P McNamee (Aus) bt W Masur (Aus)/C Lewis (NZ), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

DIVING

WINNIPEG: Men's highboard: 1, Yang Cheng (China), 648.09pts; 2, B Kimball (US), 623.01; 3, Zeng Xiong (China), 584.07. Women: S Bernier (Can); 2, K Gorham (US).

WRESTLING

JONKOPING: European Championships Freestyle final winners: 100 kg plus – no gold medal, S Chasimikov USSR) and A Sandurski (Pol) both won silvers. 100kg M Magomedov (USSR). 90 kg V Javloyev (USSR); 82 kg E Kamberov (Bul) 74 kg T Magomadov (USSR); 68 kg A Fadeyev (USSR). 62 kg S Sjeterev (Bul). 57 kg S Beloglasov (USSR). 52 kg S Trstena (Yug). 48 kg S Kornilayev (USSR).

YACHTING

HUNTING GROUP Solent Points championship: Race 1: (Royal Victoria YC): Class 1 Jade (Mr and Mrs L Woodell) corrected time 4hr 12 min 29sec; Class 2: Jacobite (S L James) 4:10.41; Class 3: Imperator (Mr and Mrs P A Waxman), 4:7.29; Class 4: Ace (N Mariet, 3:58.18; Class 5: Tom Bombadil (P K B Gatrill), 3:29.02; Class 6: Nazca II (J L Flood), 3:18.25; Class 7: Starfire Too (K W Pollock), 3:24.56. Overall winner: Ace.

WEST MERSEY, Burnham (provisional results): Class I: The Red Dragon (J W Ritchie, RBYC) 5.42.14; Carronade (P Clements, WMYC) 5.49.04; Ark I (T S and C E Herring, RBYC) 5.51.08. Class II: Oystercatcher (R Mathews, X WMYC) 5.39.32; Silver Spirit (R W and M Struth, WMYC) 5.41.21; Sunstone (T C H and V Jackson, HPYC) 5.42.36. Class III: Spirit (R Oxley, CYC) 5.42.47; Electric Air (P Tracey and A Jardine, RTYC) 5.43.47; Tramp (F W Reed, WMYC) 5.44.55. Contessa 32 Class: Ko-Ring-Gai (R MacLeod and P Magunus, HPYC) 5.45.36; Aelstoule (P Lee, CYC) 5.54.21; Coquette (C Briscoe, W&FYC) 6.57.09. Overall: Oystercatchher, Silver Spirit, The Red Dragon, Sigma Plate: Dilemma (V L and W E M Lord, RHYC).

ROAD RUNNING

BARNET: Hampstead 10 mile road race Men: G Staunton, 50min 5sec. Women: J Smith 56.22.

TRAMPOLINING

CARDIFF: Welsh open championships: Women's individual: 1, A Holmes 95.7 pts. 2, S Shotton 95.1 pts; 3, K McDonald 91.4 pts. Women's team: 1 equal Dunstable and Poole 183.8 pts. Men's individual: C Furrer 102.7 pts; 2, N Rendall 97.1 pts; 3, J Devlin 88.2 pts. Mens team: 1, Poole 164.7 pts.

CANOEING

TRYWERYN SLALOM: Men's K1: 1, R Fox 1min 33.83sec; 2, J Dolan 1:37.85; 3, P McConkey 1:38.16. Women's K1: 1, L Sharman 3:25.45; 2, J Roderick, 3:35.38; 3, G Allan 3:38.61. Men's C1: 1, M Hedges 3:28.5; 2, P Ball 3:45.4; 3, R Doman 3:47.92; Men's C2: 1, Wolkenstein-Keane 3:48.05; 2, Arrowsmith-Brain 4:4.3; 3, Smith-Smith 4:14.0

RUGBY UNION

HARARE: International: Zimbabwe 56, Kenya Tuskers 7.

HAIG SEVENS (at Murrayfield): First quarter: Stewart's-Melville FP 22, Watsonians 12; Watsonians 22, Wasps 10; Stewart's-Melville FP 22, Wasps 18. Second quarter: Kelso 40, Aberillery 0; Kelso 14, Hawick 4; Hawick 24, Abertillery 10. Third quarter: Heriot's 38, Harlequins 10; Heriot's 24, Bective Rangers 10; Bective Rangers 22, Harlequins 8. Fourth quarter: London Welsh 22, Selkirk 14; Cardiff 20, Selkirk 6, London Welsh 34, Cardiff 10. Semi-finals: Stewart's-Melville FP 22, Kelso 4; London Welsh 22, Heriot's 12. Final: London Welsh 28, Stewart's-Melville FP 14.

FOOTBALL

SKEGNESS FESTIVAL: Saturday: Northants 0, Surrey 1; West Yorks 5, Warwicks 0; Middx A 1, Humberside 3; Avon A 4, Shropshire A 1; Lancs 3, Berks 1, South Yorks A 1, Kent A 0; Greater Manchester A 1, Durham 1; Devon 1, Leics 0; Cumbria 0, Inner London A 0; West Midland B 2, Merseyside B 2; Derby B 2, Herts B 3, Essex B 1, Hants B 0, Hearts A 0, West Midlands A 4; Public Schools 5, Bucks 1; Merseyside A 2, Northumberland 0; Cleveland 5, Derby A 3. Notts 2, North Yorks 0; Hants A 0, Staffs 1; Lincs 3, Somerset 2; Dorset 1, Beds 1; Cornwall 2, Essex A 4; Kent B 3, South Yorks B 1; Shropshire B 1, Middx B 3; Suffolk B ¾, Greater Manchester B 2. Sunday: South Yorkshire A 2, Merseyside A 4; Staffs 0, Kent A 1; North Yorkshire 0, Lancs 0; Northumberland 1, Middx A 4; Herts A 0, Avon A 0; Shropshire A 1, Devon 4; Greater Manchester A 1, Cornwall 1; Dorset 4, Cumbria 1, Surrey 7, Somerset 4; Beds 2, Cheshire 8; West Midland B 1, Essex B 4; Hants B 3, Derby B 3; Derby A 3, Durham 2; Bucks 0, Warwicks 3; Inner London A 2, Leics 1; Public Schools 2, West Midlands A 3; Essex A 1, Lincs 3; Notts 0, Hants A 3; Humberside 2, Berks 0; Northants 1, West Yorks 0; Merseyside B 3, South Yorkshire B 1; Kent 0, Staffs 2; Suffolk B 4, Shropshire B 1; Middx B 0, Herts B 2.

SAO PAULO: Libertadores Cup: Santos 0, America (Col) 1.

AFRICAN CHAMPIONS CUP: First round, second leg: Gor Mahia (Ken) 1, Young Africans (Tan) 0. Gor Mahia win 2-1 on aggregate.

COPENHAGEN: Women's European Championship: Semi-final, second leg: Denmark 0, England 1 (England win 3-1 on aggregate).

MOTOR RACING

BRANDS HATCH: Champion of Brands Car Races. John Player Formula Ford 1600 champion of brands; Round 5: Combined result of two heats. 1 C Ringrose, RCRS Ray, 17min 9.6secs; FORMULA FORD 2000: 1 J Cutler, Reynard SF79, 8:17.6. SPORTS CARS AND MODIFIED SALOONS 1 R Woods, Ginetta G15, 8:56.7.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Falconer Trophy: 1, Surrey 1132; 2, Sussex A 1128; 3, Hampshire 1125. Individual: P Drew, London and Middlesex; M Kent, Surrey; P Rowell, Hampshire 147. Inter Service Cadets smallbore championship: Punch Trophy: 1, Royal School Dungannon 743; 2, Clydebank ATC 736; 3, Rotherham Sea Cadets 680. Army Target Pistol Club: Open championship: 1, M Cutler 1147; 2, A Westlake 1142. Standard Pistol: Cutler 565; Centre fire: Westlake 582.

RUGBY UNION: INSPIRED LEADERSHIP AND TENACITY IN CUP TRIUMPHS



Harding nips round the scrum and touches down to the delirium of Bristol's supporters (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Expediency ensures little fluidity

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Bath	10
Bristol	9

The strong men of the West Country melted back down the M4 on Saturday night hugging to themselves respectively the mead of victory or the bitter dregs of defeat – a aste made even worse for Bristol by the knowledge that, in losing their grip on the John player Cup, they had not layed as we know they are capable.

The last kick of the match could have won this season's cup final at Twickenham for Bristol: but Barnes pushed wide the difficult panalty into the wind and the misery on the young man's face was evident as Bath celebrated their first cup success by a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to a goal and a penalty.

Barnes will take some consoling, but it was not his fault that Bristol lost. It was because the Bath forwards played out of their skins – on such a baking day they must have wished they literally had – not just the back row, who were outstanding, but all eight forwards.

It was a pleasure to watch the development during the game of Redman, aged only 19 but already a powerful scrummager and a promising lineout worker and still able to carry his 17 stone around the ground with the traditional mobility of a Bath man at the end of a gripping encounter.

It was not the classic it might have een, not, I think because either side were afraid to run the ball but because expediency on the day dictated so. Jack Rowell, the coach who helped Gosforth to two John Player Cup wins and has now done the same for Bath – which, apart from his considerable height, gives him a decent claim to fame – said it was not the intention to deprive Trick of the ball, but that was the way it happened.

Had Bath taken all their scoring chances in the first half, the period when they came to believe they might win, then we might have seen some running rugby. But Palmer missed four penalty attempts and a conversion, and a superb tackle by Polledri held up Simpson when he was half way over the line. So at 10-3 at half-time and then 10-9 when Bristol, for the only period in the game developed some fluidity, Bath were always too close for comfort.

It took Bristol that long to get into the game – watched by 25,000 – denied as they were by the efforts of Simpson, Hall and Spurrell. Hall was struggling during the last 10 minutes – the consequence of apinched nerve in the back which has affected his mobility over the last month. Not that Bath's replacement flanker, Turner, was in a position to come on, lost as he was in the bowels of the West stand after finding the way to the players tunnel barred by a locked door.

In a game lost by only a point, would the presence of the injured Hesford have provided that essential extra? Rafter and Polledri must have had the inexperience of Chidgey lurking in the corners of their minds; there were no No 8 pick-ups, no moves developing round the tail of the lineout, and the admirable Harding found some of his forays unaccompanies.

Horton's close-range drop goal and Simpson's try from the blind side of a scrum plus Palmer's one successful penalty to one penalty from Barnes gave Bath their initial advantage. Bristol's moment when the match might have been turned came when Barnes floated a penalty into the corner; the lineout brought Bristol a penalty which Raftetr courageously and correctly ordered to be run. Although Pomphrey could not get over, Harding nipped round the scrum, scored, and Barnes converted.

SCORERS: Bath: Try: Simpson. Penalth: Palmer. Dropped goal: Horton. Bristol: Try: Harding. Conversion: Barnes. Penalty: Barnes.

BATH: C Martin; D Trick, J Palmer, A Rees, B Trevaskis; J Horton, R Hill, G Chilcott, R Cunningham, R Lea, R Spurrell (capt), N Gaymond, N Redman, J Hall, P Simpson.

BRISTOL: P Cue; A Morley, R Knibbs, S Hogg, J Carr; S Barnes, R Harding; R Doubleday, D Palmer, A Sheppard, P Polledri, N Pomphrey, P Stiff, M Rafter (capt), D Chidgey.

Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Cheers for Bath and cheer in The Star

By Alan Gibson

I was talking last week with Derek Wyatt, who played much for Bath, and also for Bedford – a member of their cup-winning side 10 years ago (although now retired, he is making a comeback for The Star, High Littleton, in the Taverners' Sevens at Clifton next Sunday, and was drinking his qualifying pint). He said that in his experience Bath rarely played at their best against their West Country rivals, Bristol and Gloucester, because of an inferiority complex. It is true that in their recent successful seasons many of Bath's outstanding performances have been against Welsh sides, often theoretically much tougher opposition. Derek, for this reason, and hoping he would live to eat his words, expected Bristol to win on Saturday, in the John Player Cup final at Twickenham.

So did I, though we agreed that if Bath could build up a quick lead it might give them confidence to hold on, or even go right away. Well, as you know, they did get that lead, although it should have been much larger, and they did – just – hold on. I was very glad when Barnes missed that last kick I heaved a sigh of relief which the unkind might even have considered a mild cheer. I never thought to see the day when I should commit the solecism of applauding a missed penalty, least of all when the kicker was an Oxford University and Bristol man.

For I was on Bath's side. Usually when these two meet I am impartial, for I have many friends in both clubs, and they are equidistant from High Littleton. I suppose this was partly because Bath had never won before, nor got anywhere near it, partly because they have had such bad luck with injuries (don't forget puur Halliday), and partly because I have seen them play so much attractive running rugby (they would have been wise, I believe, to have tried more of it on Saturday.)

I felt sorry for Barnes, though I would have felt sorrier still for Palmer, if Bath had lost. But the two people I felt sorriest for were Hakin, who after distinguished work in the earlier rounds was dropped for the final (though he would agree that Redman played very stoutly), and Stiff, who suffered two Twickenham defeats n a month, the second against the men who had been his colleagues in the first.

I suppose it was not really a good match, but it lifted at least partisan spirits. When the special train arrived back at Bath – well, I was going to say the rafters rang, but in the circumstances it would be an inappropriate analogy. The continuing, triumphant, thundering cheers must have been heard all over the city.

Scott well steeled for next campaign

By Bryan Stiles

Cardiff	24
Neath	19

John Scott, Cardiff's captain, could not have had better preparation for his tour as the England skipper on their controversial visit to South Africa this summer than this brusisng triumph in the Welsh Cup final on Saturday. He knows he will need all the powers of leadership he displayed against Neath, and more, if he is to emerge from the tour with credit.

Cool and commanding, he guided Cardiff through as the scurrying black storm clouds of Neath threatened to engulf his team on this glorious, sunny occasion. His resolution under pressure contributed in no small measure to making this one of the best finals since the competition was inaugurated in 1972. Cardiff won by two goals and four penalties to two goals, one try and one penalty.

It must have seemed to many that the black-clad hordes of Neath, swarming all over the pitch in an exciting non-stop frenzy, were going to overwhelm Scott's talented side. But he kept regrouping his forces and varying the tactics, knowing that the high calibre of the men he had gathered around him would eventually win the day. So it proved. But he had to keep his nerve as Cardiff were unable to go in front until the sixty-third minute when his stand-off half, Davies, kicked the last of his four penalty goals.

Neath knew they could not match Cardiff in the quality of their players – they have only one international compared with Cardiff's nine – but that they could bring to the fray an abundance of energy, enthusiasm and superb fitness. Their total and

Scott: commanding

almost fanatical commitment was quiet breathtaking, with their flanker Lyn Jones truly outstanding. He is only 19 and is fast developing into a Welsh international.

Jacob opened the scoring for Neath in the seventh minute with a try which Harris converted. Cardiff immediately replied when Golding hurtled over after a shrewd pass from Holmes. Davies converted but hung back from tackling scrum half Gareth Jones (there were four Joneses in the side) in the thirtyfifth minute and the Neath player scored a try which helped him win the man of the match award.

A penalty-kicking duel between Davies and Harris left the Cardiff man the victor by 4-1.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Golding, Cordle. Conversions: Davies (2). Penalty goals: Davies (4) Neath: Jacob (2) Jones, G. Conversions: Harris (2). Penalty goals: Harris.

CARDIFF: P Rees; G Cordle, A Donovan, M Ring, A Hadley (rep, N Humphreys); W G Davies, T D Holmes; J Whitefoot, A Phillips, I Eidman, O Golding, K Edwards, R Norster, R Lakin, J P Scott (capt).

NEATH: N Harris; E H Rees, (capt), D Jacobs, K Jones, C Bridgewater; J Davies, G Jones; B Williams, M Richards, P Langford, G Jones, H Richards, S Dando, L Jones, D Morgan.

Referee: C Norling (WRU).

WEEKEND RESULTS

John Player Special Cup Final

Bath	10	Bristol	9

(at Twickenham)

Welsh Cup Final

Cardiff	24	Neath	19

(at Cardiff)

Club Matches

Bedford	18	Coventry	23
Bideford	23	Teignmouth	3
Bridgwater	10	Tiverton	14
Camborne	52	Stafford	12
Crediton	6	Newquay	19
Exmouth	45	Wellington	16
Falmouth	9	Launceston	23
Gloucester	58	Exeter	9
Gosforth	15	Morley	19
Harrogate	28	Huddersfield	3
Headingley	8	Fylde	28
Ilkley	10	Sheffield	45
Moseley	32	Wakefield	19
Newton Abbot	15	Paignton	16
Nottingham	41	Liverpool	6
Orrell	9	Sale	22
Otley	10	Roundhay	16
Penryn	10	Truro	13
Penzance/Newlyn	11	Tredegar	21
Redruth	17	Ebbw Vale	7
Taunton	6	Stourbridge	17
St Austell	6	Dorchester	7
St Ives	23	Barnstaple	15
Sidmouth	16	Torquay	13
Waterloo	8	Pontypool	37
West Hartlepool	32	Nuneaton	4

NORTHERN: Bradford and Bingley 13, Birkenhead Park 15; Broughton Park 44, Northern 12; Castleford 33, Rochdale 3; Davenport 15, Lichfield 15; Heaton Moor 25, Edwardians 11; Keswick 0, Carlisle 43; Leigh 20, Widnes 34; Manchester 12, Birmingham 21; Middlesbrough 38, Preston Grasshoppers 9; North Ribblesdale 18, Keighley 0; Oldham 19, Aspull 30.

Solihull 14, New Brighton 32; Vale of Lune 25, Lymm 6; West Park 42, Wigton 16; Wilmslow 41, Kendal 0; Winnington Park 39, Matlock 8; Yarnbury 28, Skipton 23.

SUSSEX SEVENS (at Worthing): Semi-finals: St Paul's, Cheltenham 22, Hove 21; Lewes 10, East Grinstead 6. Final: Lewes 38, St Paul's, Cheltenham 12.

JED–FOREST SEVENS: First round: Melrose 22, Glasgow Academicals 4; Kelso 26, Royal High 4; Selkirk 20, Stewart's-Melville FP 18; Boroughmuir 20, Gala 4; Heriot's 16, Hawick 6; Jed-Forest 28, Durham City 0. Second round: Melrose 10, Langholm 4; Kelso 20, Selkirk 6; Watsonians 34, Boroughmuir 12; Jed-Forest 12, Heriot's 10. Semi-finals: Kelso 32, Melrose 6; Watsonians 24, Jed-Forest 10. Final: Kelso 26, Watsonians 6.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London 38, Paris 9.

CHESHIRE SHIELD FINAL: Colts: Birkenhead Park 4, Macclesfield 3.

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Tale of two cities ends happily for London

By Gordon Allan

London	38
Paris	9

The tale of two cities had a happy ending for London yesterday. They beat Paris at Sudbury by four goals, two tries, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to a goal and a penalty.

Both sides were patchwork to some extent but it was London whose team work and use of the ball improved as a pleasantly lackadaisical match went on. Paris, beyond a few clever touches by Haget, a B international, were rarely a force. Jefferson, Harlequins' American wing scored a try in the second minute, running along touch from his own 10-metre line and going over in the corner. There was no obvious attempt to unsettle him. Rose converted inside the near post and then missed a penalty from the equivalent spot on the other side of the field.

Paris pulled their defence together and with the wind behind them spent a fair time in the London half but had only the penalty by Mediamolle to show for it. A penalty by Rose a good one into the wind from an angle, put London 9-3 up at the break.

Rose dropped a goal from an indirect penalty early in the second half. Salmon cut through several player's tackles but Thompson lost the ball as he reached out for the line. London built up another good movement between forwards and backs and Salmon took a pass from Moss to score in the corner.

Salmon leapt again soon afterwards and the result was a try by Smith, converted by Rose. Gaps as wide as the Champs Elysées were by now appearing in the Paris defence and Hames went through for a try. Rose kicked the goal.

Maybel intercepted a pass by Jefferson to score a try for Paris converted by Mediamolle. Williams and Smith scored in injury time to bring an ultimately one-sided game to an end.

SCORERS: London: Tries: Jefferson, Salmon, Smith (2), Hames, williams. Conversions: Rose (4). Penalty: Rosa. Dropped Goal: Rosa. Paris: Try: Maybel. Conversion: Mediamolle. Penalty: Mediamolle.

LONDON: M Rose (Rosslyn Park); S Smith (Wasps), J Salmon (Harlequins), A Thompson (Harlequins), W Jefferson (Harlequins); M Williams (Wasps), A Woodhouse (Harlequins); P Curtis (Rosslyn Park), A Simmons (Wasps), A Ischei (Wasps), K Moss (Wasps), C Pinnegar (Wasps), J Hames (Wasps), D Cook (Harlequins, capt), E Weekes (Harlequins).

PARIS: B Chareyre (rep, X Ottmann); M Ranel, P Mediamolle, P Iguad, A Mourguiart; C Haget (capt), J Pelet; P Duchatelle, M Marandou, P Couchaux, L Maybel, E Bourgeois, J Chelly, P Courvisier, C Tardy (rep, E Saillard).

Referee: A Trigg (London).

FOOTBALL: TWO SECOND DIVISION PROMOTION PLACES CLAIMED, BUT THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP IS UNRESOLVED

Chelsea complete their irresistible rise to the highest class as crowd lowers itself

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Chelsea..........5
Leeds United..........0

Chelsea showed their two faces in the sunshine of Saturday afternoon. One, to be seen on the pitch, is youthful and attractive. The other, to be seen off it, is old and ugly. The first division will be a richer place for their players and the poorer for some of their followers.

Leeds United, facing a blue tidal wave that swept across the length and breadth of Stamford Bridge, were overwhelmed. Within an hour Thomas had claimed the opening goal, Dixon another three, Bumstead had hit the same post twice and Spackman had miscued from a yard. Chelsea's irresistable ride towards promotion was complete.

Their attack will cut through more than a few tighter rearguards next season. In Nevin they have a small Scottish winger of utmost trickery. His dribble to set up the second goal, full of breaks and acceleration, was the highlight of the day. In Thomas they have a rejuvenated Welshman of ceaseless activity.

Speedie is aptly named and Dixon, his taller and less mobile partner, illustrated three different scoring qualities – heading power, delicacy with the right foot and accuracy with the left – to take his personal total to 32.

When Canoville came on to add the fifth with a powerful individual run, their collective total became 85, the highest of the League.

Yet the statistics of Chelsea's defence, though threatened here merely by several long range attempts by Lorimer, suggest that they will need strengthening before next August. They have, for instance, conceded only five fewer goals than Middlesbrough, who are not yet clear of relegation. Their full backs, in particular, might be vulnerable in a higher class.

Chelsea may also be forced to spend money on fences around their ground. The pitch invasions, sporadic even before the kick off, grew to be so threatening that the referee, stunned momentarily after being knocked over during the celebrations that followed the final goal, ended the game prematurely to safeguard the players as well as himself.

The ensuing scenes, spread over three-quarters of an hour, rivalled anything seen on the Continent for violence that was sickening and potentiall lethal.

As the huge majority of Chelsea's supporters gathered to sing their team's praises in front of the directors box, others were interested only in antagonising their visitors frm the north, mercifully surrounded by high railings. The police, struggled to contain the louts, were caught by the various missiles subsequently thrown in both directions.

When their patience was broken by the action of one particularly senseless Leeds idiot, who felt prompted to thrust a wooden plank repeatedly into the elecronic scoreboard sparks flew. Truncheons, riot shields and a dozen mounted policemen were used before battle ceased. One policeman, struck in the throat by a brick, fell unconsious and had to be revived by the kiss of life. Another, holding a bloddy bandage to his face, was carried away on a stretcher. Poignantly, the last person to leave the pitch departed supine in the back of an ambulance.

Although Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman, described his club's supporters as "just excited and boisterous," clubs would be advised to follow his proposal and invest in cameras aimed at the crowd to catch misbehaving supporters on film.

A season's coverage would cost some £25,000, a small price to pay for sainty. Otherwise there must be genuine fears that next season's first division London derbies, in particular, will be similarly scarred. Nor should the defences of Arsenal, Queen's Park Rangers, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United feel complacent about the prospect of meeting Chelsea.

CHELSEA: E Niedzwiecki, C Lee, J Jones, C Pates, J McLaughlin, J Bumstead (sub P Canoville), P Nevin, N Spackman, K Dixon, S Speedie, M Thomas.
LEEDS UTD: D Harvey, D Irwin, G Hamson, A Watson, N Aspin, M Dickenson, T Wright, S Sellars (sub G McCluskey), A Ritchie, P Lorimer, M Gavin.
Referee: G Napthine (Loughborough).

● Forty-one supporters have been charged following the trouble and will appear at Horsferry Magistrates Court next month on charges of threatening behaviour, wilful destruction, criminal damage and being drunk and disorderly, a Yard spokesman said yesterday.


A hat-trick from Chelsea's Kerry Dixon (top right), a vain appeal to rioting supporters from Ken Bates (above)

Ipswich need have no fears about Manchester visit

By Vince Wright

Liverpool..........2
Ipswich..........2

Ipswich Town have the will as well as the skill to stay in the first division. At Anfield on Saturday Bobby Ferguson's youngsters deserved their draw with the European Cup finalists in a stirring struggle in the spring sunshine. Of the clubs threatened by relegation, Ipswich probably have the most testing end to the season; but after giving as good as they got against Liverpool, a visit to Old Trafford next Monday should hold no fears.

Liverpool were not too disappointed at the outcome, for although they dropped a couple of points they are still favourites to win the League title for the third successive year. However, there is no cause for complacency as three of Liverpool's four remaining fixtures are against teams who, like Ipswich, are battling to avoid relegation.

Considering that they were weakened by injuries, Ipswich's successful attempt to take the game to Liverpool was all the more laudable. No one played better or tried harder than Eric Gates, Ipswich's acting captain, who is revelling in taking on more responsibility since the departure of Ipswich's other big-name players, Mariner and Wark. Operating as a central attacker, Gates scored twice and gave Liverpool's defence, Lawrenson and Hansen in particular, a thoroughly uncomfortable time.

Sunderland had gone close with a diving header before Ipswich went ahead in the nineteenth minute. Lawrenson was penalized for obstruction and when Brennan tapped the free kick sideways Gates fired crisply home. Liverpool's equalizer on the half-hour was practically the first thing that they had done right. Neal's centre was only half-cleared and his full-back partner, Kennedy, Liverpool's outstanding player, stepped up to bullet the ball past Cooper from 25 yards.

There followed a purple patch by Liverpool which led to Rush equalling Roger Hunt's club record of 42 goals in a season. This extraordinary forward provided the finishing touch at the far post after Wark had fooled his former colleagues by dummying Lee's cross.

Powerful, accurate shooting had been a feature of the afternoon's play and the Ipswich equalizer by Gates after 57 minutes was another reminder of it. Sunderland and D'Avray cleverly created the chance and Gates's instant volley was always curling away from Grobbelarr.

Liverpool made their familiar late surge but Ipswich, inspired by Osmond's resolute defending, pluckily resisted. If Ipswich are unlucky enough to go down, the first division will be poorer for it.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson (sub, S Nicol), R Whelan, A Hansen, K Dalglish, S Lee, I Rush, J Wark, C Johnston.
IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper; F Yallop, S McCall, R Zondervan, R Osman, I Cranson, T Putney, M Brennan, M D'Avray, A Sunderland, E Gates.
Referees: T Mills (Barnsley).

ATHLETICS

Ovett takes the street masquerade in his stride

From Pat Butcher
Paris

The street mile, won so impressively by Steve Ovett here on Saturday, should give rise to serious thought among those who care about athletics and, in particular, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, who govern the sport. Not only could the money generated – but undisclosed – for less that four minutes of racing have been better spent on a full track and field meeting, with hundreds of athletes benefiting from competition, but also a downhill mile – two-thirds of the way in this particular one, with only the slightest incline for the last 180 metres – is an insult to the memory of great milers from Walter George to Sebastian Coe, whose world record of three minutes 47.33 seconds was bettered by almost 20 seconds by Mike Boit in New Zealand two years ago.

The infamous Auckland Mile is rightly the source of some embarrassment to representatives of Mark McCormack's International Management Group, who organized this Paris event with the help of Fred Lebow, the New York marathon supremo, who is pushing for an official world championship of street miles authorized by the IAAF. There "masquerades", as Michael Jazy, the former world mile record holder, contemptuously called this event, would inevitably clash with real athletics.

The raison d'etre for the race, given by the organisers and some of the competitors, was to bring athletics to the French public. But the crowd of 2,500, which barely merited the barriers down the Avenue Foch, was largely made up of flâneurs who came across the race during the course of their afternoon stroll. Much more relevant was the fact that, with an interview before and after the race, the event fitted neatly into the half-time break of the televised rugby match between Dax and Bayonne.

As long as Ovett, Coe and Steve Cram stayed away from these miles, they remained a disturbing but isolated anachronism on the hinterland of the sport. But as Lebow said: "Ovett has given the stamp of approval to our series."

The only good thing to come out of this farrago – event with one race, the officials could not agree on the winning time – was the form of Ovett, majesterial agian. He has had his best winter's training in three years depite losing three 1,500 metres races in Australia during a recent training tour. He has yet to decide if he will contest the 800 metres as well as the 1500 metres, for which he has already been selected for the Olympics but he said: "If I think I am capable, I'll go for them both. But whether the case this season, I just want to be ready in Los Angeles."

LEADING PLACES: 1, S Ovett (GB) 3 min, 56.12 sec; 2, J Gonzales (Sp), 3:56.90; 3, J Abascal (Sp), 3:57.35; 4, P Thiebaut (Fr) 3:58.34.

Coventry slide down a familiar slope

By David Powell

The names may have changed but the script is much the same for Coventry City. Their 8-2 defeat at Southampton on Saturday has pushed them further towards the almost impossible feat of a slide more slippery than the one last season which nearly landed them in the second division.

Then, taking only nine points from their last 17 games, Coventry fell from fifth to nineteenth place under the control of Dave Sexton. A year later they have a new team, except for Jacobs and Hendrie, and a new manager, Bobby Gould, but the club is back on familiar ice.

Once more they have achieved only nine points from 17 games and they had better get their skates on if they are to save themselves from spinning over the edge. Wallace and Moran scored three apiece.

Coventry's goal difference is markedly worse than those of the two clubs immediately beneath them, Birmingham City and Ipswich Town, and with Liverpool in wait to avenge their 4-0 defeat at Highfield Road, Coventry's main hope may be for Southampton to do unto others as they have done unto them. With a place in next season's UEFA Cup the perfect incentive, Southampton will be spreading themselves among the relegation candidates, during the last two weeks of the season, at Notts County, Stoke City and Birmingham.

Nottingham Forest's duller than the average goalless draw at home to Stoke City has allowed Southampton and Queen's Park Rangers to become the main contenders for third place. A 2-1 defeat of Tottenham Hotspur gave Rangers their fifth successive win and made them near certainties for inclusion in the UEFA Cup next season.

That was the good news. The bad news was that the artificial pitch has been banned by UEFA and the Rangers manager, Terry Venables, said that alternatives were being explored.

Sheffield Wednesday are returning to the first division after an absence of 14 years. Sterland's second half penalty, in front of an attendance bettered only by Liverpool, Manchester United and Chelsea, put further pressure on Crystal Palace at the opposite end. Consolation is a word which is not easily found in the football dictionary at this stage of the season and the fact that Palace did not resemble relegation candidates will hardly lessen the blow of a disputed penalty conceded and the denial of one appealed for.

The most surprising result, Newcastle United's 1-0 defeat at Cambridge United, who had gone a League record 31 games without a win, went unpubished by Manchester City, who lost to a goal by Watson at Derby County.

Newcastle need one more win to be sure and next Saturday's match at home to Derby could be crucial in resolving the division's last two issues. the final relegation place is surely reserved for either Derby, Palace or Oldham Athletic.

Rostron out

Wilf Rostron, the Waford captain, will miss the FA Cup final next month after being sent off during his side's 2-1 win at Luton Town on Saturday. Rostron's dismaissal – he clashed with Luton's Paul Elliott, who was also dismissed – earned an automatic two-match suspension, starting in two weeks time.

Howe signs two year contract

Arsenal confirmed the appointment of Don Howe as their manager within minutes of Saturday's first division victory over Leicester. The club's chairman, Peter Hill-Wood, said it as a "unanimous decision" of the board.

Howe, who has been in charge as caretaker manager since Terry Neill departed in December, will be given a two-year contract. "But I would like to think he will be hear for 12, 15 or as many years as he wants," Mr Hill-Wood said. In the period under Howe, Arsenal have taken 38 points from 22 league games and climbed from thirteenth in the table to sixth.


Howe: in charge at Highbury

Harder they fall in a hard game

By Clive White

Sunderland..........2
Birmingham City..........1

Those who like their football beautiful, would have found this match repugnant; two players sent off, five bookings, including that of the Birmingham City physio-therapist, and all three goals the result of penalties. As one humourist bluntly put it, this match had everything – except football.

However, if any of the 13,000 spectators at Roker Park on Saturday closed their eyes to it, it was only for a split second in anticipation of the next shuddering tackle. Morbid fascination was, of course, heightened by the dire consepuences facing the losers. Ron Saunders, the Birmingham manager, who likes to hear his football as well as watch it, took some masochistic pleasure from the defeat. "It was a man's game. That's something how it should be played," he said.

Naturally, he was not too happy about the bookings his side incurred which brought them up to 66 for the season. He refused to accept that the "qualities" he admired go hand in hand with retribution. There was a conspiracy, he thought, against Birmingham

The game deserved praise, at least, for the breakneck speed it was played at in the abnormal warmth of the day. It had its moments of skill, too, though they had to be wrung out of it. Leighton James showed us that his legs and nerve are still standing up to it with some fine, opportunist wing play early on, and two goals from the penalty spot, the second rather fortuitous in its making and taking. The amusingly perverse Saunders thought that James's fall after what appeared to be only obstruction by Wright was so disgracefully acted that it deserved a booking for ungentlemanly conduct.

But there were many more genuine cases of that. In the fifth minute, Mr Scott, the referee, booked Hindmarch and when the Sunderland players protested about an earlier piece of villainly by Roberts, the referee booked him too. Tensions ran so high that when Bracewell swung round to take a throw-in and accidentally clonked Van Den Hauwe, the Birmingham player immediately squared up to him.

Harford was then booked for persistent second degree fouling after only 18 minutes, and later he was joined in the book by James, for dissent, and Graham Doig, the physiotherapist, for treating the interminably prostrate Gayle without permission.

After James's two penalties Birmingham were given a lift by one from Wright, and the departure of Hindmarch for a second bookable offence. But they were too excited to realise their good fortue and within four minutes Harford, after a naughty tackle, was walking even before the referee opened his book.

SUNDERLAND: C Turner; B Venison, N Pickering, I Atkins, R Hindmarch, S Elliott, P Bracewell, B Robson, C West, M Proctor, L James.
BIRMINGHAM CITY: A Coton; J McCarrick, P Van Den Hauwe, J Hagan, W R Wright, B Roberts, H Gale, M Kuhl, M Harford, A Rogers, M Rees.
Referee: D Scott (Burnley).

West Ham stand fast shoulder to shoulder

By Simon Barnes

Manchester United..........0
West Ham United..........0

Like two well-bred chaps at the door of their club, Liverpool and Manchester United keep saying to each other: "After you, old boy." "No, no, after you." The run-in to the championship has seen both clubs determinedly rejecting the invitation to take a decisive lead. First both lost on the same day, then they both drew. Then they both won. Now they have both drawn again. And the gap remains a mere two points.

I have no idea how United failed to score on Saturday. Perhaps they are just not good enough. They might even have lost. West Ham played with a thrilling one-nine-one formation, players shoulder to shoulder in the goalmouth, but Cottee, mostly a lone forward, muffed a chance in the second minute, and a couple of other opportunities to steal the match did not work out.

And so we had an ongoing Rorke's Drift situation, Martin and Bonds defiant as ever, and United, for all their chances, never acquiring the lethal look of champions. Still, their talisman and captain, Bryan Robson, should be back for their last four difficult matches.

Moses did his best to mimic the captain's famous late runs, and had one beauty of a shot, but there was Parkes, looking like an Old English sheepdog diving through a hoop, to pull off a truly stunning save. United had thousands of corners, I grant you, but they do not count

All the parts of United's machine appeared to be working flat out, but the machine itself never got going. Nothing really gelled. Wilkins did a lot of looking calm and masterful, but thoughtful football failed to find a thoughtful response.

There was Graham, a winger constantly foresaking his touchline to run inside, and there was Stapleton, a centre forward scooting to the by-line and sending over the kind of crosses he could eat. Hughes looks a real find, and had one gorgeous run. What a shame he fell over at the end of it.

When West Ham went to Liverpool, they tried the same they-shall-not-pass stuff and set up the same Rorke's Drift situation, but the Zulus won 6-0.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, B Wilkins, K Moran, G Hogg, P McGrath (sub, N Whiteside), R Moses, F Stapelton, M Hughes, A Graham.
WEST HAM: P Parkes; R Stewart, S Walford, W Bonds, A Martin, P Hilton, P Allen, A Cottee, N Orr, T Brooking, G Pike.


Parkes: sheepdog dives

Jones leads all the way

Steve Jones, who finished third in the World Cross Country Championships, dominated the Rank Xerox 10 seies AAA Championships 10 kilometre race at Birmingham yesterday. Jones led from start to finish, winning in the fast time of 27 mins 59 secs, having gradually built his lead throughout the six laps

RESULTS: 1, S Jones (Newport Harriers) 27 min 59 sec; 2, C Reitz (Newham and Essex) 28: 07; 3, A Hutton (Edingurgh Southern) 28: 13; 4, P Tootell (Stretford) 28: 19; 5 R Westwood (Tipton H) 28: 21; 6, K Harrison (Stretford) 28: 24. Team: 1, Tipton Harriers, 30 pts; 2, Stretford, 60; 3, Newport Harriers, 88.

Lucky few see Stansted upset all the odds

By Paul Newman

Stamford..........2
Stanstead..........3

The 1984 FA Vase final will go down in the record books as the worst supported in the competition's history. The 8,125 people at Wembley on Saturday will remember it, however, as an enthralling match which preserved the Vase's traditions of friendly rivalry, good football and unexpected results.

The poor attendance – the previous lowest was 9,500 for the first final in 1975 – was perhaps not surprising. Stamford, of the United Counties League, are from Lincolnshire, hardly an area of high population, and Stanstead, of the Essex Senior League, are one of the smallest clubs ever to reach a Vase final; until recently their home crowds rarely exceed 100.

What the crowd lacked in numbers, however, they more than made up for in sportsmanship. After the match the Stamford section gave Stanstead a standing ovation and both teams went to shake hands with their opponent's supporters.

Until this season Stanstead had never progressed more than one round in the Vase. Their victory over Stamford, one of the most successful clubs in the competition's history, would compare with a third or fourth division side beating Liverpool or Manchester United in the FA Cup final.

Stansted won by playing thoroughly skilful, intelligent football. They were superior, above all, in the central position: Simpson, the captain, marshalled his defence with calm authority, Holt was the dominant playmaker in midfield and Reeves, a tall, strong centre forward was a constant threat.

Holt and Gillard both took advantage of Stamford's square defence to score before half-time. Waddicor reduced the arrears four minutes into the second half, finishing off an incisive move begun by Genovese and Allen, but Reading then headed home a cross by Reeves to restore Stansted's advantage.

Allen scored from close range after 64 minutes to make the score 3-2, but Stamford rarely looked likely to draw level. Robson, the 39-year-old veteran of more than 400 League appearances for Peterborough United, directed Stamford's midfield well, but not even his skills were enough against a team who proved worthy Vase winners.

STAMFORD: L Parslow; M Smitheringale, S Blades, A McIlwain, M Lyon (sub, R Chapman), J Mackin, D Genovese, J Waddicor, R Allen, T Robson, G Beech.
STANSTED: E Coe, D Williams, J Hilton, B Simpson, S Cooper, J Reading, G Callanan, R Holt (sub L Williams), J Reeves, R Doyle, P Gillard.
Referee: T Bune (Newbury).

Leading scorers

FIRST DIVISION: Rush (Liverpool), 42; Archibald (Tottenham), 26; Christie (Notts County). Johnston (Watford), Moran (Southampton), Woodcock (Arsenal), 22; Withe (Aston Villa), 21.
SECOND DIVISION: Dixon (Chelsea), 32, Keegan (Newcastle), 28; Hateley (Portsmouth), 23; Garner (Blackburn), Davies (Fulham), 22; Quinn (Oldham), 21.

Aberdeen aim to conclude formalities

By Hugh Taylor

Thanks to their narrow victory over Dundee at Dens Park, Aberdeen now seem certain to win the premier division championship inside a few days. They need only three points to ensure the title flag flies over Pittodrie next season and as they play St Johnstone tonight, Hearts on Wednesday and Hibernian on Saturday, they should make official the success that has appeared inevitable for most of the year. Although the challengers, Celtic and Dundee United, both won, the 1-0 victory by Aberdeen, their seventeenth League clean-sheet of the season, makes their task of overtaking the leaders hopeless.

Some of the gloom cast over Aberdeen by their defeat by Porto in the European Cup Winners' Cup vanished yesterday with news that the backbone of the defence, Miller, McLeash and Leighton, are ready to sign new contracts, leaving Strachan as the only player seeking new fields.

While a goal by Black kept Aberdeen on course forthe champiohsip, defeat was a bitter blow for brave Dundee, who deserved a share of the points but are again under the shadow of relegation.

Dundee United showed an imporvement on the form which cost them their chance of reaching the final of the European Cup by defeating Motherwell 3-1 at Fir Park. But their luck is still out. They lost their newcomer, Page; the youngster breaking a leg in a first minute tackle.

That summer football is not really relished by Scottih football followers appeared to be proved at Parkhead when only 9,000 spectators turned to see Celtic beat Hibernian 3-2. It was a dull game, the only bright spot being two fine goals by McClair, who is scoring with a regularity to make Celtic supporters forget the departure of Nicholas.

The most stirring display came from St Johnstone, who earned a 2-2 draw against Hearts at Tynecastle to salvage a point to extend their lifeline to the premier division.

St Mirren drew 1-1 with Ranges at Love Street. Dumbarton made certain of promotion from the first division by drawing 2-2 with Clyde. They joined the premier division with Morton. The two clubs are still fighting for the first division title.

Aztec gets stay of execution

Iraq beat South Korea 1-0 in the runners-up play-off of the Asia-Oceania Olympic qualifying tournament here to claim the sixteenth and last place in the Los Angeles Games.

Saudi Arabia and Qatar earlier qualified after winning in groups A and B respectively.

OLYMPIC FINALISTS: Czechoslovakia (champions), United States, France, Soviet Union, East Germany, Yugoslavia, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Morocco, Cameroun, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Canada, Costa Rica, Iraq.

● Mexico's Aztec stadium has been given a stay of execution as a major venue for the 1986 World Cup. Aztec's owners have so far been unable to reach agreements with the holders of box seats, whose contracts contravene World Cup rules.

FOOTBALL AND OTHER FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Third division
Southend v Newport.

Scottish premier division
Aberdeen v St Johnstone, Dundee Utd v St Mirren.

PAUL HINSHELWOOD TESTIMONIAL: Crystal Palace XI v Queen's Park Rangers XI.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Nuneaton v Maidstone. Bob Lord Trophy Final, second leg: Barnet v Scarborough (Scarborough lead 2-0).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Fisher Athletic. Midland division: Leicestershire Utd v Merthyr Tydfil. Southern division: RS Southampton v Waterlooville.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa (7.0), Liverpool v Sheffield Utd (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Coventry (7.0), Wolverhampton v Notts Co (7.0), Chesterfield v Oldham (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Southampton (2.0), Charlton v Tottenham (7.0), Oxford Utd v Bristol Rovers.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Maesteg v Newbridge, Neath v Cardiff, Newport v Bath, Pontypool v Llanelli, Pontypridd v Cross Keys.

COUNTY MATCH: Cornwall v Devon (at Falmouth RFC, 6.30).

OTHER MATCHES: Cornwall Fire Brigade v London Fire Brigade, Pererborough v West Norfolk, St Ives v Ebbw Vale, Torquay Athletic v South Wales Police.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Great Britain v France (at Portsmouth, 7.30).

TENNIS: LTA women's tournament (West Worthing Club, Worthing, 11.30).

SNOOKER: Embassy world professional championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, 2.0 and 7.0).

SQUASH RACKETS

Stronghold collapses

By Colin McQuillan

Nottingham Squash Club, a long-standing bastion of the women's game in England, this weekend experienced the secondary backlash of Lisa Opie's ill-tempered and costly involvement in the British Open championships earlier this month.

While the world No 2 was off earning fines of £1,000 at Wembley, her club companions were back at home base losing the semi-final of the Banbury national championship, held by Nottingham's women under Opie leadership for the past four years.

On Saturday they realised just how expensive was their loss to the little-known Brenfield from Essex when the men of Nottingham, headed by Gawain Briars defeated Edgbaston Priory 4-1 in the Banbury finals at South Marston

Both national club championships in the possession of one club would have been a unique achievement.

FINALS: Men: Nottingham bt Edgbaston Priory 4-1 (Nottingham first): G. Briars bt P. Verow, 10-8, 9-1, 9-2; D. Lee lost R. Shay, 7-9, 9-7, 7-9, 8-9; A. Danzey bt A. Betts, 9-4, 9-0, 9-0; A. Foley bt A. Purnell, 9-2, 4-9, 9-7, 9-6; M. Hildred bt J. McCollom, 9-7, 9-4, 9-2. Women: Brenfield bt Warrington 4-1 (Brenfield first): L. Harloy bt J. Woodcock, 1-9, 9-5, 9-0, 9-5; B. Sanderson bt E. Green, 9-2, 9-3, 10-8; S. Winter bt J. Allen, 9-0, 9-2, 9-5; D. Redgewell bt J. Randle, 9-1, 9-3, 9-4; M. Sheehan lost to J. Brown, 9-5, 0-9, 9-3, 8-10, 8-9.

First division

Arsenal	2	Leicester C	1
Aston Villa	3	Notts Cty	1
Liverpool	2	Ipswich T	2
Luton T	1	Watford	2
Manchester Utd	0	West Ham	0
Norwich C	1	Everton	1
Nottingham F	0	Stoke C	0
QPR	2	Tottenham H	1
Southampton	8	Coventry C	2
Sunderland	2	Birmingham C	1
Wolverhampton W	0	West Bromwich	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	38	21	11	6	67	31	74
Manchester Utd	38	20	12	6	68	35	72
QPR	39	21	6	12	62	33	69
Southampton	37	19	9	9	55	35	66
Nottingham F	38	19	8	11	66	41	65
Arsenal	39	17	8	14	67	54	59
West Ham	38	17	8	13	58	48	59
Tottenham H	39	16	9	14	61	59	57
Aston Villa	39	16	9	14	57	67	57
Watford	39	15	8	16	65	71	53
Everton	38	13	13	12	37	40	52
Luton T	39	14	8	17	51	60	50
Norwich C	38	12	13	13	45	43	49
Leicester C	39	12	12	15	63	64	48
Sunderland	39	12	12	15	40	52	48
West Bromwich	38	13	8	17	43	56	47
Coventry C	39	12	10	17	53	69	46
Birmingham C	39	12	9	18	38	46	45
Ipswich T	39	12	8	19	50	55	44
Stoke C	39	11	10	18	38	62	43
Notts Cty	37	9	9	19	45	66	36
Wolverhampton W	38	5	10	23	28	72	25

F.A. VASE FINAL: Stamford 2, Stanstead 3. (at Wembley).
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Kettering 0, Bath 0; Kidderminster 4, Barnet 4, Maidstone 2, Weymouth 2; Nuneaton 4, Enfield 0; Scarborough 0, Dagenham 0; Telford Utd 4, Gateshead 0; Trowbridge 1, Bangor City 2; Wealdstone 0, Frickley 0; Yeovil 2, Worcester 2
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Chorley 1, Worksop 2; Horwich 2, Hyde Utd 1; Morecambe 2, Matlock 0; Oswestry 3, Barrow 0; Rhyl 2, Grantham 3; Southport 2, Macclesfield 0; Workington 0, Gainsborough 1.

Second division

Brighton	1	Barnsley	0
Cambridge Utd	1	Newcastle Utd	0
Carlisle Utd	1	Grimsby T	1
Charlton A	2	Shrewsbury T	4
Chelsea	5	Leeds Utd	0
Derby Cty	1	Manchester C	0
Huddersfield T	4	Cardiff C	0
Oldham Ath	3	Portsmouth	2
Sheffield Wed	1	Crystal Palace	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Wed	38	24	9	5	68	32	81
Chelsea	39	22	13	4	84	39	79
Newcastle Utd	39	22	7	10	76	50	73
Grimsby T	39	18	13	8	56	42	67
Manchester C	39	19	9	11	61	46	66
Blackburn R	39	16	15	7	52	41	63
Carlisle Utd	39	16	15	8	45	34	63
Charlton A	39	16	9	14	50	58	57
Brighton	39	16	8	15	63	55	56
Shrewsbury T	39	15	10	14	44	51	55
Huddersfield T	38	14	12	12	53	45	54
Leeds Utd	39	14	11	14	49	54	53
Barnsley	39	14	7	18	54	48	49
Cardiff C	39	15	4	20	50	61	49
Fulham	39	12	12	15	52	50	48
Portsmouth	39	13	6	20	67	61	45
Middlesbrough	38	11	12	15	40	44	45
Crystal Palace	39	11	10	18	38	48	43
Oldham Ath	39	11	8	20	44	69	41
Derby Cty	39	10	9	20	34	65	39
Swansea C	39	7	7	25	34	76	28
Cambridge Utd	39	3	12	24	27	71	21

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham 2, Sutton Coldfield 2; Dartford 2, Corby 2; Fareham Town 2, Gravesend 2; Fisher Ath 0, Alvechurch 0; Folkestone 0, Welling Utd 2; Hastings 2, Chelmsford 0; King's Lynn 1, AP Leamington 1; Stourbridge 1, Gloucester 2; Witney Town 8, Bedworth 0; Dorchester 1, Gosport 0.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 2, Carshalton Ath 1; Harrow 2, Wokingham 2; Hendon 2, Barking 2; Hitchin 2, Sutton Utd 2; Staines 0, Leytonstone/Ilford 2; Tooting and Mitcham 0, Bognor Regis 0; Walthamstow Ave 4, Worthing 0; Wycombe Wanderers 2, Croydon 0.

Third division

Bolton W	0	Bournemouth	1
Bradford C	1	Brentford	1
Bristol R	3	Lincoln C	1
Exeter C	2	Preston	1
Newport City	1	Oxford Utd	1
Orient	3	Hull C	1
Port Vale	2	Burnley	3
Rotherham Utd	3	Gillingham	0
Southend Utd	0	Sheffield Utd	1
Walsall	3	Wigan Ath	0
Wimbledon	1	Plymouth Argyle	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford Utd	42	26	9	7	85	46	87
Wimbledon	43	24	9	10	92	72	81
Sheffield Utd	43	23	11	9	82	48	80
Hull C	42	21	13	8	67	38	76
Bristol R	43	20	12	11	64	52	72
Walsall	43	21	8	14	64	58	71
Bradford C	41	19	10	12	70	58	67
Burnley	42	16	14	12	74	50	62
Millwall	41	16	13	12	63	59	61
Bolton W	43	17	10	16	52	54	61
Newport City	42	16	13	13	55	66	61
Gillingham	42	17	9	16	64	65	60
Orient	42	17	9	16	65	71	60
Wigan Ath	43	15	12	16	44	52	57
Lincoln C	42	15	9	18	54	59	54
Preston	43	14	11	18	62	61	53
Bournemouth	43	14	6	23	56	71	48
Brentford	43	10	14	19	64	77	44
Rotherham Utd	41	11	9	21	46	60	42
Plymouth Argyle	41	10	11	20	45	57	41
Southend Utd	42	9	13	20	50	71	40
Scunthorpe Utd	41	7	18	16	46	65	39
Port Vale	42	9	9	24	46	79	36
Exeter C	42	6	14	22	49	77	32

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Boreham Wood 4, Windsor and Eton 9; Cheshunt 0, Wembley 1; Epsom 2, Clapton 1; Hampton 2, Woking 1; Kingstonian 0, Hornchurch 1; Leatherhead 6, Walton and Hersham 0; Lewes 2, Farnborough 2; Oxford City 0, Hertford 1. Second division: Basildon 0, Molesey 0; Corinthians Cals 1, Egham 1; Dorking 1, Hungerford 0; Eastbourne Utd 0, Uxbridge 0; Epping 0, St Albans 1; Letchworth 0, Hemel Hempstead 0; Leyton W 3, Finchley 0; Newbury 3, Grays 1, Rainham 0, Barton Rovers 2.

Fourth division

Blackpool	3	Hereford Utd	1
Chester	1	Doncaster R	0
Chesterfield	1	Bristol C	1
Colchester Utd	3	Torquay Utd	0
Crewe Alex	3	Tranmere R	0
Darlington	3	Halifax T	2
Northampton T	3	Wrexham	3
Reading	1	Bury	1
Rochdale	3	Aldershot	1
York C	2	Hartlepool	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York C	43	29	8	6	91	37	95
Doncaster R	41	21	13	7	74	50	76
Bristol C	44	22	10	12	67	43	76
Reading	42	20	14	8	78	60	74
Aldershot	42	20	8	14	69	64	68
Blackpool	41	19	9	13	61	44	66
Peterborough Utd	43	17	13	13	69	44	64
Tranmere R	42	16	14	12	49	45	62
Colchester Utd	42	15	16	11	61	46	61
Hereford Utd	43	15	14	14	51	48	59
Stockport Cty	42	16	11	15	58	59	59
Crewe Alex	42	16	10	16	53	59	58
Torquay Utd	42	15	13	14	54	62	58
Chesterfield	43	14	15	14	53	54	57
Bury	42	14	14	14	58	55	56
Swindon T	43	14	13	16	55	53	55
Darlington	41	15	5	21	42	46	50
Northampton T	44	12	14	18	50	74	50
Mansfield T	43	11	13	19	60	67	46
Rochdale	44	10	13	21	51	77	43
Halifax T	43	10	12	21	49	83	42
Wrexham	41	9	13	19	47	68	40
Hartlepool	43	9	9	25	42	80	36
Chester	42	7	12	23	42	78	33

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: West Brom 3, Nottm Forest 1. Second division: Grimsby 2, Oldham 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham 2, Reading 0; Ipswich 1, Chelsea 0; Oxford Utd 2, Luton 2; Swansea 2, Norwich 3; Watford 2, Charlton 0.
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Brightlingsea 0, Heybridge 2; Eton Manor 1, Canvey Island 1.
HERTS COUNTY LEAGUE: Cockfosters 1, Whitwell 2; Evergreen 2, Leavesden Hospital 2; Sandridge 0, Sun Sports 0; Tudor Corinthians 1, Bedmond 1.

Scottish premier division

Celtic	3	Hibernian	2
Dundee	0	Aberdeen	1
Hearts	2	St Johnst'n	2
Motherwell	1	Dundee Utd	3
St Mirren	1	Rangers	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	30	23	4	3	72	16	50
Celtic	34	21	6	7	78	39	48
Dundee Utd	30	17	7	6	58	32	41
Rangers	31	14	8	9	47	38	36
Hearts	32	9	14	9	35	44	32
St Mirren	33	8	13	12	50	53	29
Hibernian	34	12	5	17	43	53	29
Dundee	33	10	3	20	45	71	23
St Johnst'n	33	9	3	21	33	77	21
Motherwell	34	4	7	23	30	71	15

IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 1, Glentoran 4; Carrick 2, Crusaders 3; Glenavon 3, Portadown 1; Larne 2, Cliftonville 0; Linfield 1, Ards 1; Newry Town 2, Ballymena 2.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham 2, Evenwood 0; Gretna 1, Blyth Spartans 2; Horden 4, Shildon 1; South Bank 1, Bishop Auckland 1; Tow Law 1, Consett 0; Whitby 3, North Shields 0. Second division: Billingham Town 1, Brandon 0; Esh Winning 3, Darlington 2; Northallerton 3, Bedlington 0; Norton 1, Cleveland Bridge 1; Seaham 4, Alnwick 1.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ely 1, Gt Yarmouth 2; Gorleston 1, Chatteris 1; Lowestoft 0, Tiptree 4; Soham 1, Saffron Walden 3; Stowmarket 0, March 1; Thetford 0, Felixstowe 1; Wisbech 3, Braintree 4.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Forest 5, Bridgnorth 1; Leicester Utd 1, Dudley 0; Merthyr T 3, Banbury 0; Milton Keynes 0, Bromsgrove Rvrs 3; Moor Gn 1, Rushden 0; Redditch 5, Bridgwater 3; V S Rugby 0, Aylesbury 0; Willenhall 5, Tamworth 1; Oldbury 0, Shepshed C 3. Southern division: Basingstoke 1, Tonbridge 4; Canterbury 1, Waterlooville 1; Chatham 0, Ashford 2; Crawley 2, Dover 0; Dunstable 2, R S Southampton 1; Hillingdon 2, Andover 0; Poole 1, Hounslow 0; Salisbury 2, Addlestone 0; Woodford 1, Thanet 3.

Scottish first division

Ayr	1	Falkirk	2
Clydebank	1	Morton	1
Dumbarton	2	Clyde	2
K'marnock	2	Alloa	0
Meadowbank	0	Airdrie	4
Partick	1	Brechin	1
Raith	0	Hamilton	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	37	19	12	6	69	44	50
Dumbarton	37	19	11	7	62	40	49
Partick	37	18	7	12	64	48	43
Clydebank	37	16	11	10	59	47	43
Brechin	37	14	13	10	54	50	41
Falkirk	37	16	6	15	45	51	38
K'marnock	37	15	6	16	52	50	36
Clyde	37	11	13	13	52	48	35
Airdrie	37	13	9	15	44	49	35
Hamilton	37	10	14	13	41	44	34
Meadwbnk	37	11	10	16	46	66	32
Ayr	37	9	12	16	53	67	30
Raith	37	8	11	18	45	61	27
Alloa	37	8	9	20	41	61	25

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 4, Clandown 1; Chippenham 0, Exmouth 0; Liskeard 4, Weston-super-Mare 1; Plymouth 4, Devizes 0; Saltash 0, Bristol Manor Farm 1; Taunton 0, Barnstaple 1.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Harwich and Parkeston 0, Edgware 3; Marlow 0, Redhill 1; Thatcham 2, Whyteleafe 4. League Cup Final: Harefield 3, Wolverton 1 (after extra time).

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 9, Spurs 2; Ipswich 1, Portsmouth 1; Millwall 2, Orient 1; Gillingham 2, Norwich 1; Watford 2, Cambridge 0. Second division: West Ham 2, Brighton 1; Swindon 1, Bristol Rvrs 1; Reading 0, Wimbledon 4.

NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ashton United 0, Lancaster City 1; Bootle 2, Winsford Utd 0; Caernarfon Town 1, Penrith 1; Darwen 1, Netherfield 1; Formby 5, Accrington Stan 1; Leyland Motors 2, Glossop 0; Prescot Cables 3, Curzon Ashton 2; Radcliffe Boro 3, Congleton Town 0; St Helens Tn 1, Leek Town 3.

Scottish second division

Arbroath	0	East Fife	1
Berwick	6	Stenhousemuir	1
Cowdenbeath	1	Montrose	0
Dunfermline	5	Albion	0
East Stirling	2	Stranraer	2
Forfar	3	Queen of South	0
Queen's Park	3	Stirling	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	37	25	9	3	69	30	59
East Fife	37	18	7	12	52	41	43
Berwick	37	15	11	11	57	36	41
Queen of South	37	16	9	12	50	43	41
Stirling	37	13	14	10	48	40	40
Arbroath	37	17	6	14	60	45	40
Stranraer	37	13	11	13	46	45	37
Stenhousemuir	37	13	11	13	44	53	37
Dunfermline	37	13	10	14	43	41	36
Queen's Park	37	13	8	16	55	59	34
East Stirling	37	9	11	17	47	62	29
Montrose	37	11	7	19	34	56	29
Cowdenbeath	37	9	9	19	39	53	27
Albion	37	7	11	19	46	75	25

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Appleby-Frodingham 0, Alfreton Tn 2; Arnold 3, Thackley 0; Belper Tn 0, Spalding Utd 0; Bridlington Tr. 4, Sutton Tn 0; Guiseley 0, Winterton Rngrs 1; Heanor Tn 1, Emley 2; Ilkeston Tn 2, Guisborough Tn 0; Mexborough Tn 0, Eastwood Tn 4.

Yesterday's results

Second division

BLACKBURN	(0) 0	FULHAM	(0) 1
4,301		Davies	

Fourth division

SWINDON	(1) 1	MANSFIELD	(0) 1
Baile		Nicholson	
1,941			

Jones leaves

Chris Jones, the Charlton Athletic forward has decided to leave the club following injury and loss of form this season.

YACHTING

Law manoeuvre unbeatable

From John Nicholls

Chris Law was the overall winner of the Soling Class and Mike McIntyre finished second to Oleg Khoperski, of the Soviet Union, in Finns, when the Hyères regatta for Olympic classes ended on Saturday. Fresh breezes allowed two races to be sailed by all seven classes, although the Windglider race was late abandoned. The Tornados thus completed their programme of six races.

Law could not be beaten overall after wining the fourth race and was content to retire from the fifth after further improving his points score relation to the other British competitors. This he did, legally impeding Colin Simons, his nearest rival, until his position was hopeless.

RESULTS: Solings: 1, C Law (GB) Other British placings: 18, C Simmons; 29, G Bailey. Tornado: 1, W van Bladel (Neth). Star: 1, T Woolward (GB). Other British placing: 4, A McMichael. Flying Dutchman: G Knapp (US). British placings: 11, J Richards; 14, P Blake. Windglider: S van den Berg (Neth). British placings: 17, N Tillett; 24, D Parks; 38, D Hackford. Finn: O Khoperski (USSR). British placings: 2, M McIntyure; 6, R Bridge; 16, J Greenwood. 470: D Peponnet (France). British placings: 7, M Holmes; 9, D Jarrett; 19 Miss C Foster.

MOTOR RACING

Alboreto beyond challenge as Ferrari find right formula

From John Blunsden, Zolder

Ferrari are back on the Grand Prix-winning trail. After two disappointments in Brazil and South Africa, everything went right for the Italian team at Zolder yesterday when Michele Alboreto, starting from pole position, led all 70 laps of the Belgian Grand Prix to win by a margin of 42.4 seconds over the Renault of Derek Warwick. Third place went to René Arnoux in the second Ferrari, after Keke Rosberg's Williams-Honda ran out of fuel on the last lap, but Rosberg reclaimed fourth place because the remainder of the field had been lapped.

Intensive work on the suspension of their cars before the race, and the growing competitiveness of the latest Goodyear radial tyres in a season which has already seen two wins for Michelin, helped bring Ferrari their success. They have also improved the fuel consumption of their turbo-charged engine, previously a limitation on their performance.

Only Warwick was able to mount anything approaching a challenge on Alboreto, but when the circuit became very slippery through a combination of spilt oil and dirt off of the racing line, he decided to drive a conservative race to make sure of his second place. This has given him second place in the championship table behind Alain Prost, whose McLaren retired early after an electrical fault caused a minor fire. With Lauda also dropping out with engine trouble, it was a thin day for the McLaren team, who had dominated the first two races.

Rosberg drove a characteristic race, battling away after his engine almost died on the start line and his car was overwhelmed by most of the field. He came back so well that he was challenging for seventh place by lap 20 and was in second place running within less than 20 seconds of the leader, by lap 40. A 15.7 pit stop for tyres dropped him to eighth, but he fought back hard again, taking Stefan Bellof, Elio De Angelis, Nelson Piquet and Arnoux in quick succession to reach third place.

Piquet's Brabham-BMW expired in a cloud of smoke four laps from the end, while the fight for fifth place between De Angelis, in his JPS Lotus-Renault, and Bellof in his normally aspirated Tyrell-Ford, proved to be the duel of the race. De Angelis elected at the last minute to start on very hard tyres, plannng to go through non-stop, and said afterwards that he had had one of the hardest races of his career

Early in the race, Martin Brundle, in the other Tyrell, had kept close company with Bellof, (at one stage they lapped a back marker by going past one on each side), but his race ended 19 laps from the end when a wheel came off shortly after his routine tyre change.

RESULTS: 1, M Alboreto (It, Ferrari) 70 laps in 1 hour 36 min. 32.048 sec. (115.22 mph); 2, D Warwick (GB, Renault) 1:37:14.434; 3, R Arnoux (Fr, Ferrari) 1:37:41.851; 4, K Rosberg (Fin, Williams-Honda) 69 laps; 5, E De Angelis (It, JPS Lotus-Renault) 69 laps; 6, S Bellof (WG, Tyrrell-Ford) 69 laps; 7, A Senna (Bra, Toleman-Hart) 68 laps; 8, P Tambay (Fr, Renault) 68 laps; 9, M Surer (Switz, Arrows-Ford) 68 laps; 10 N Piquet (Bra, Brabham-BMW) 66 laps; 11, J Palmer (GB, RAM-Hart) 64 laps.

World championship positions: 1, Prost, 15 pts; 2, Warwick 10; Equal 3, Alboreto, Lauda, and Rosberg 9; 6, De Angelis 6; 7, Arnoux 4; Equal 8, Cheever and Patrese 3; Equal 10, Brundle and De Cesaris 2; Equal 12, Bellof, Senna, and Tambay 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren-Tag 24 pts; 2, Renault 11; 3, Williams-Honda 9; Equal 4, Alfa Romeo and JPS-Lotus-Renault 6; 6, Tyrrell-Ford 3; 7, Ligier-Renault 2; 8, Toleman-Hart 1.

Jaguar shows its claws

In a race full of drama, Win Percy and Chuck Nicholson brought their Jaguar XJS through to a European touring car championship victory at Donington Park yesterday afternoon (Jeremy Shaw writes).

An unscheduled pit stop on lap 22 of the 160-lap race over 500 kilometres dropped the two British drivers down to 12th place, but they clawed their way back into contention and eventually won by almost half a minute from the BMW 635 CSi of James Weaver and Vince Woodman.

Weaver, in fact, proved to be the star of the race, driving a mammoth 102 lap opening stint, broken only by a stop for new tyres – and for a bucket of cold water to be thrown over him – and leading handsomely until being overhauled by the more powerful Jaguar.

Another XJS, driven by Tom Walkinshaw and Hans Heyer, led in the early stages but was hampered by a couple of broken wheels and eventually finished ninth. This pairing nevertheless maintained their championship lead after a late, unscheduled pit stop by Alain Cudini and Dany Snobeck's BMW dropped the Frenchmen from fourth to sixth position.

THIRD ROUND: (160 laps): 1, W Percy and C Nicholson (5.3 Jaguar XJS), 3hr 42min 42.55sec (84.57 mph); 2, J Weaver and V Woodman (3.5 BMW 635 CSi), 3:43:11.38; 3, H Stuck and D Quester (3.5 BMW 635 CSi), 159 laps; 4, [illegible]; 5, E Calderari and J-L Schlesser (3.5 BMW 635 CSi) 159 laps; 6, A Cudini and Dany Snobeck (3.5 BMW 635 CSi) 159 laps.

TENNIS

McEnroe honours an off-court duty

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Dallas

John McEnroe cannot reasonably be regarded as an exemplary champion. His court conduct leaves him some way short of that status. But this unpredictable, sometimes stormy man is punctilious in honouring off-court duties to which he has committed himself. On the eve of the World Championship Tennis final, Jimmy Connors went to bed early instead of attending a dinner dance in aid of charity. But McEnroe turned up – and made a gracious, polished and witty speech that hit all the appropriate targets.

In the absence of Ivan Lendl, Mats Wilander and Yannick Noah, there was never much doubt that McEnroe and Connors would contest the £107,000 first prize here. Their challengers were not quite in the same class. In the semi-finals, Connors beat Jimmy Arias 6-0, 7-6, 6-2 in two hours and 28 minutes and McEnroe beat Kevin Curren 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in two hours and 12 minutes. Connors and McEnroe have neverlost to these opponents and there was no prospect that they would do so this time.

Connors, though, was not overstating the case when he observed of Arias, aged 19: "He's no up-and-coming star. He's not rising any more – he's up there." Arias, far more expeienced than his years suggest, has looked impressively mature here: especially in his serving and his controlled variations of pace on the forehand. He also has a talent for showmanship, though its expression is not always agreeable.

In the first set Arias was edgy, allowed himself to be discomposed by a few close line calls, and was consequently preoccupied by a misplaced sense of injustice. Sometimes there was a hint of a smile from Connors, who was doubtless grateful to see the teenager so rattled. But the second set was dazzling entertainmet – an hour and 27 minutes of it – and the third might have matched it but for the fact that Arias was afflicted by twinges of cramp. This was hardly surprising. Connors had persistently punched the ball hard and deep to one corner after another, imposing formidable stress on his opponents leg muscles.

The acclamation for the players in that memorable second set was equalled by a series of ovations for a pretty well-built and briefly-dressed blonde who made her way out of the stadium, then back again, with a walk that might be described as a studied wobble. The roars of appreciation interrupted play, but Connors and Arias did not seem to mind.

Connors played remarkably well. So did McEnroe, who was far more adept than Curren at profiting from his opponent's second service. Curren, mind you, was not at his liveliest. He had come back from two sets down to win both his previous matches and he was on court with McEnroe little more than 14 hours after spending three hours and 16 minutes in the company of Johan Kriek.

McEnroe's tennis brain was so finely tuned, his anticipation and reactions so fast, that at times the ball seemed to hover in his path as if awaiting his pleasure. His serving was irresistably good, his touch delicately deft. There was seldom a glimmer of a chance that Curren would break service and thus get into the match.

Tactical winner

Austen Brice displayed excellent tactical awareness to beat Danny Sapsford 6-4, 6-4 in the final of the British 16 and under hardcourt championships, sponsored by Prudiential, at Edgbaston Archery Club, yesterday (Lewine Mair writes).

The girls' title was taken by Anne Simpkin, who hit some of her best shots off the most difficult of balls against the tenacious Clare Wood of Sussex. On her sixth match point Mrss simpkin won 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

HOCKEY

Midlands keep winning habit

Midlands won the junior divisional tournament for the third year in succession and for the fifth time in 10 years when they defeated East 4-2 in the final at Sunderland yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). East had beaten them 4-1 in the group match.

On a splendid artificial surface, Midlands took an early lead through Welch. Donnelly equalised for East a minute before half-time. Between the ninth and twelfth minutes of the second half Midlands scored three goals, two by Head and one by Welch. Marsh reduced the lead from a short corner ten minutes later.

East had a harder time in the semi-finals. Having squandered a 2-0 lead they drew 2-2 with West, eventually winning 9-6 on penalty strokes.

RESULTS: Group A: East 4, Midlands 1; Combined Services 0, Midlands 12; East 6, Combined Services 0. Group B: South 1, North 2; West 1, South 1, North 3, West 2. Semi-finals: East 2, West 2 (East won on penalty strokes); Midlands 2, North 1. Final: Midlands 4, East 2: Equal 3rd: West and North; 5th place match: South 9, Combined Services 1.

WEST BERLIN: Men: India 2, Netherlands 1 Women. West Germany 3, Britain 1, United States 2, West Germany 0; Netherlands 5, Britain 1.

British sides in the toils

The British teams taking part in three of the four tournaments to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the West German Hockey Federation have not done well so far (Joyce Whitehead writes from Berlin).

On Saturday the British women lost 1-5 to Netherlands, the world champions, Jane Swinnerton scoring the only goal in the second half. The Welsh schoolgirls taking the place of Scotland, lost to the Dutch 1-6, Helen Jones scoring their only goal. Lisa Jones had to retire with an injury to her nose. The England schoolboys lost to the Dutch 1-5.

Britain's women played better yesterday although they lost 1-3 to West Germany. Karen Brown scored in the second half when they were 0-3 down. The final whistle was blown just when Marilyn Push was about to shoot into an open goal.

RESULTS: Saturday: Women: United States 2, West Germany 0; Netherlands 5, Great Britain 1. Girls under 18: Netherlands 6, Wales 1, West Germany 5, Belgium 0. Boys under 18: West Germany 6, Belgium 2; Netherlands 5, England 1. Yesterday: Women: West Germany 3, Great Britain 1, Netherlands 3, United States 2. Men: India 2, Netherlands 1; Australia 4, West Germany 1. Girls under 18: Netherlands 11, Belgium 0; West Germany 2, Wales 0. Boys under 18: West Germany 4, England 1; Netherlands 2, Belgium 1.

RACING: CECIL'S COLT CONFIRMED A DEFINITE 2000 RUNNER AFTER IMPRESSIVE HOMEWORK

Keen gallops into Guineas picture

By Michael Seely

Not for the first time in his legendary career, Lester Piggott dominated the Flat racing headlines on Saturday. At 9am his hopes of equalling Frank Buckle's record of 27 Classic winners were boosted when he partnered Keen, his 2000 Guineas ride, in an impressive workout with Defecting Dancer and Condrillac on the Limekilns.

After Lord Howard de Walden's full brother to Kris and Diesis had sprinted 10 lengths clear of the Greenham Stakes runner-up, the lines from Newmarket were soon buzzing. And, after being laid to lose £125,000 with William Hill and Ladbrokes, Keen's price was cut to 6-1. "I think he's earned the right to take his chance," was Henry Cecil's throwaway line before he cantered away on his hack.

The stormy petrel of British racing then travelled on to Sandown where he ran into more traffic problems on Muscatite in the Westbury Stakes than visiting motorists had encountered at the Scilly Isles roundabout earlier in the afternoon. Victory here went to Morcon, who gave Dick Hern his first winner of the season.

Worse was to follow for the maestro when his forceful behaviour on Well-Covered, who passed the post second to Bastille in the Esher Cup, resulted in a five-day ban for careless riding. His sentence will run from May 7-11 and means he will miss the three-day Chester meeting. Three former champion jockeys have now been stood down in the space of 10 days. Piggott's ban following hard on the heels of those awarded to Pat Eddery and Willie Carson.

Stung by the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Piggott was goaded into retaliatory action when producing Caliph with an overwhelming burst of speed to catch the favourite, His Dream, close home in the Marcus Beresford Stakes. This victory completed a double as he had earlier won the Sandown Park Two-year-old Stakes on Guy Harwood's Royal Ascot-bound Old Bailey.

Piggott was deputizing for Greville Starkey on the Coventry Stakes prospect but Brian Rouse took over from the injured Pulborough stable jockey on Alphabatim in the Guardian Classic Trial. Last season's William Hill Futurity Stakes winner has always been a lazy worker at home and reserves his best for the track. It was impossible to fault the Verbatim colt's decisive defeat of Trojan Fen and Falstaff, conceding 7lb to both horses.

"I haven't really thought of Alphabatim as being an ideal type for Epsom," Harwood said. "But he keeps forcing himself on us and must now be regarded as a probable runner. The Lingfield Derby Trial would appear to represent the next logical step."

The reputations of both Harwood and James Delahooke have never stood higher. Following the recent exploits of Lear Fan, Rousillon, Kanz and Alphabatim, Harwood holds an immensely strong hand for the 1984 Classics. Delahooke, who made his name by buying Young Generation, Ela-Mana-Mou and To-Agori-Mou so cheaply, was also responsible for the purchases of Rousillon, Lear Fan, Alphabatim and Rainbow Quest at the 1982 yearling sales.

Excitement is mounting as Guineas week gets underway. Charlie Nelson reports Mahogany in fine fettle for her attempt to win Thursday's 1000 Guineas, while Lear Fan, the principal home defender for Saturday's 2000 Guineas, will have his final gallops on Wednesday and Thursday. "He had a good half-speed this morning and went well," Harwood said yesterday.

Jeremy Tree is similarly delighted with Rainbow Quest. "He's very well," the Beckhampton trainer said. "We'd certainly like some rain, not so much to help Rainbow Quest as to slow the others down."

The word is also strong from Ballydoyle that El Gran Señor is set to follow in the hoof prints of Sir Ivor, Nijinsky and Lomond. And with Keen now forcing his way into the act as well, the scene is set for a dramatic encounter on the Rowley Mile.

● Lester Piggott will partner Jupiter Island for Clive Brittain in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket on Friday.



Final fling: Bill Smith and Diamond Edge give their all on the run-in in Saturday's Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown but fail by two short heads to hold Special Cargo and Lettoch (Photograph: George Selwyn)

Smith retires after 'greatest race ever'

Thonderous and prolonged applause greeted Diamond Edge and Bill Smith on their return to the unsaddling enclosure after finishing third to Special Cargo in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown on Saturday (Michael Seely writes). "I'll never ride better than that, so it's time to call it a day," Smith said, announcing his retirement.

The cheers were also a tribute to the genius of Fulke Walwyn, the master big-race trainer of his era, who was winning the Whitbread for the seventh time.

The whole occasion was touched with magic. Colonel Billy Whitbread, aged 83, the founding father of sponsorship and a successful amateur rider in his younger days, was as proud as a peacock as he presented the gold trophy to the Queen Mother. And how fitting that the first lady of steeplechasing should have been the owner of the horse that swept past Lettoch and Diamond Edge so dramatically.

"I just hope that Diamond Edge doesn't realise he's been beaten," Cath Walwyn, wife of Fulke, said. "He looked so determined to be boss horse as he kept on out-jumping Ashley House at the railway fences last time round." Diamond Edge was temporarily outpaced at the Pond fence, the third from home, as Lettoch and Plundering made their efforts. But he came back up the hill like a tiger

The story of Special Cargo, the one-time cripple with carbon-fibre implants in his legs, encapsulates the special relationship that exists between Walwyn and his owners.

His owners on the other hand, have always had the patience required to give Walwyn time to develop these talents. "Special Cargo had to miss two seasons after breaking down," Walwyn explained. "And his legs looked so terrible, that you'd never think that he'd stand training. But he's all right on this ground."

Lettoch was undoubtedly an unlucky loser as he lost about 20 lengths when Donegal Prince fell at the third fence. But in reality there were no losers in the 1984 Whitbread Gold Cup. Fred Winter, trainer of the fourth horse, Plundering, spoke for all of us when he said: "That was the greatest race I've ever seen."

Kuwait Tower to start making up for lost time

By Mandarin

Kuwait Tower, fourth in last year's 2000 Guineas, can gain a belated first victory in the Sidney Thompson Memorial Stakes at Brighton this afternoon. John Sutcliffe's four-year-old did in fact, visit the winner's enclosure after his first race at Ascot 21 months ago but on that occasion he had to share the No1 spot with Muscatite after the pair had fought out a deadheat.

Since then Kuwait Tower has raced only five times and today's race represents by far and away his simplest task. He completed his juvenile programme by finishing second in the Solario and fourth in the Royal Lodge but he produced easily his best performance in last year's 2000 Guineas.

Without the benefit of a previous race that season, Kuwait Tower finished fourth to Lomond, beaten three and a half lengths. The three horses ahead of him had already had an outing and, as he was running on well at the finish, it constituted an excellent Derby trial. Sutcliffe prepared him for Epsom with considerable optimism but it was not to be.

"He developed the cough three days before the race and was never the same again all season," Sutcliffe said yesterday. "But he's back to somewhere near his best now and ran pretty well at Newmarket. Provided he comes through this, he'll go for the Clive Graham Stakes at Goodwood or the Lockinge at Newbury".

That Newmarket race was the Earl of Sefton Stakes in which he showed good speed for seven furlongs before dropping back to finish tenth of 11 to Legend of France.

Kuwait Tower is likely to start at a very short price, though, and better value may be Cataldi (nap) in the Prince of Wales Stakes. The son of Wolver Hollow was made odds-on to win a Doncaster maiden on the opening day of the season but found the mile a bit on the short side, finishing a close third to Pete Martin and Bold Indian (winner since).

Last time out, over Beverley's 10 furlongs, Cataldi was again made favourite and showed his appreciation of the longer trip by coasting home several lengths clear of the opposition. Petrizzo (second), Moulton Boy (third) and Marlion (fifth) have all run well since so the form looks solid.

At Warwick, Double Celt, representing the combination of Henry Cecil and Lester Piggott, is likely to be all the rage for the Light Brocade Stakes. However, my preference is for Do Your Best, a daughter of Try My Best from the in-form stable of Geoff Lewis, who showed promise when eighth to Brocade at Newbury and again when third to Be My Queen at Warwick a week ago.

Masarika's fluent win boosts L'Orangerie

From Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Masarika paid a direct compliment to L'Orangerie, who contests Thursday's 1000 Guineas, by cantering away with the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1000 Guineas) at Longchamp yesterday. Ridden confidently by Yves Saint-Maritn, Masaika easily held Boreale by a length as Speedy Girl finished fast to take third place from Stramiss.

Alain de Royer-Dupre runs Masarika next in the Goffs Irish 1000 Guineas on May 26 and the filly could again be challenged by both Boreale and Speedy Girl.

Last July, when Saint-Martin won the Prix Robert Papin on Masarika, he commented: "This could be the best filly I have ever sat on." Masarika certainly regained her reputation yesterday. She was beaten a short head earlier this month by L'Orangerie, who greatly pleased Criquette Head on her final workout.

Henry Cecil did not appear to be too pleased with Lester Piggott after Adonijah had finished third to Romildo and Sagace in the Prix Ganay. Piggott was last into the straight but then made excellent progress, going under by two and a half lengths and a head.

Cecil said after the race: "Don't you think Adonijah was given too much to do?" Piggott, however, seemed quite happy with the horse's performance and said: "He ran a good race."

Romildo dominated his opponents from half-way up the straight. This full brother to Pevero sustained a fracture when second to Solford in the Prix du Lys last June. The colt brought a smile to the face of Francois Boutin who had a disappointing season so far.

Longchamp results

Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (1m): 1, MASARIKA (Y Saint-Martin); 2, Boreale (F Head); 3, Speedy Girl (G Dubroeucq). ALSO RAN: Stramiss (4th), Cedilla (5th) Premium Win (6th), Fargaze (7th), Dancing Star (8th), Shadiliya (9th), Lady De Saron (10th), Classical Way. 11 ran. 1l, hd, ½l, 1½l, sh nk, sh nk, 1½l, nk, 2l. A de Royer-Dupré. Pari-Mutuel: 1.70 (coupled with Shadiliya): 1.20, 2.30, 5.40. DF: 7.40. 1min 39.3sec.

Prix Ganay (1m 2½f): 1, ROMILDO (C Asmussen); 2, Sagace (Y Saint-Martin); 3, Adonijah (L Piggott). ALSO RAN: Lovely Dancer (4th), Mille Balles (5th), Moujane (6th), Darly (7th), Escaline. 8 ran. 2½l, hd, nk, ¾l, 2½l, 3l, sh nk. F Boutin. Pari-Mutuel: 8.50; 2.30, 1.30, 1.90. DF: 10.90. 2min 12.00sec.

BRIGHTON

GOING: firm.

Draw: 5f, 6f, low numbers best.

1.45 CONFLANS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,264: 6f) (14 runners)

1	34434-1	SHARP SHOT (CD) (Windflower Inc) J Dunlop 9-12 (7 ex)	W Carson	8
4	01-0	FLUCTUATE (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 9-7	J Reid	3
6	0313-00	JAMRA (Rashid Mohammed Alkhalifa) C Horgan 9-5	T Ives	14
7	03123-0	COSTALOTA (R Mitas) B Swift 9-5	R Fox	2
9	03100-0	PARVENO (D) (A Wade) B Wise 9-2	A Bond	1
10	33030-3	SHAMBOLIC (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 9-1	B Rouse	9
11	2000-01	LILYBANK (Mrs G Fleming) R Hannon (7 ex)	A McGlone 3	4
13	03003-4	SASCEROLE (B) (C Young) M Usher 8-11	P Waldron	5
15	00000-0	BALLYLUMMIN (Greenland Park) W Hastings-Bass 8-7	R Lines 5	12
16	00000-4	LAKSHMI LADY (B) (R Price) R Holder 8-6	G Duffield	11
17	030000-	BASTIONS LADY (J Wallace) M Saleman 8-5	NON-RUNNER	6
18	10000-0	SURFING ERA (D) (J Oakden) A Ingham 8-5	R Still	7
19	00-00	CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT (B) (R Sangster) R Simpson 8-4	S Whitworth 7	13
20	00400-	LONACH COTTAGE (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 7-7	I Jenkinson	10

1983: Be My Darling 8-6 P Waldron (4-1) G Lewis 14 ran.

9-4 Lily Bank, 100-30 Shambolic, 4 Sharp Shot, 6 Lakshmi Lady, 8 Sascerole, 10 Fluctuate, 14 others.

FORM: SHARP SHOT (9-0) won 4l from Shades of Blue (8-7) 11 ran. Brighton 6f stks good to firm Apr 12. FLUCTUATE (7-11) not in first 9 to Native Charmer (8-0) 14 ran. Newmarket 7f h'cap good to firm Apr 17. LILY BANK (7-12) won ¾l from Bold Realm (8-9) with JAMRA (9-0) 8th beaten 9l and COSTALOTTA (9-0) not in first 9 of 13 Kempton 6f h'cap firm Apr 21. SHAMBOILC (8-11) 3rd beaten 3l to Trwyn Cilan (8-11) 10 ran. Folkestone 5f mdn stks good to firm Apr 16. SASCEROLE (9-9) 4th beaten 7l to Dorset Venture (9-7) 20 ran. Warwick 7f h'cap good to firm Apr 9. LAKSHMI LADY (8-6) 4th beaten 5¼l to Shades Of Blue (8-4) 13 ran. Warwick 6f stks good to firm Apr 23.
Selection: SHAMBOLIC.

Brighton selections

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1.45 Fluctuate. 2.15 Khyber. 2.45 CATALDI (nap). 3.15 Kaukas. 3.45 Kuwait Tower. 4.15 Fair Charter.

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2.15 Khyber. 3.45 Kellathi.

By Michael Seely

1.45 Lily Bank. 2.15 INCHGOWER (nap).

2.15 TOWN PURSE HANDICAP (£1,730: 1m 4f) (6)

3	30001-0	KHYBER (CD) (D Duggal) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-7	G Duffield	4
5	04300-0	SIR HUMPHREY (Mrs S Khan) 4-9-1	R Fox	6
8	00300-4	INCHGOWER (CD) (Miss D Downes) W Wightman 7-8-11	B Rouse	2
9	000-10	MR MUSIC MAN (CD) (Mrs C Reavey) Mrs C Reavey 10-8-10	T Rogers	1
10	0/0-0	BLONDELLO (H Candy) H Candy 5-8-9	A Bond	3
13	341033-	EASTERLY GAEL (Miss W Redman) J Jenkins 4-8-1	P Cook	5

1983: Swinging Moon 4-9-7 G Ramshaw (8-1) A Ingham 20 ran.

15-8 Inchgower, 9-4 Khyber, 7-2 Mr Music Man, 5 Sir Humphrey, 9 Easterly Gael, 16 Blondell.

FORM: KHYBER (9-3) unplaced to Temple Bar (9-3) 19 ran. Nottingham 1m 5f h'cap good to soft Apr 2. INCHGOWER (8-6) 4th beaten 7l to Taffy Jones (9-5) 14 ran. Brighton 1m 4f h'cap good to firm Apr 12. SIR HUMPHREY (7-10) 8th beaten over 10l to County Broker (9-12) 12 ran. Kempton 1m h'cap firm Apr 23. MR MUSIC MAN (7-7) 7th beaten over 14l to Abefield (8-12) 12 ran. Newmarket 1m 4f appce h'cap good to firm Apr 19. EASTERLY GAEL (8-9) 3rd beaten 2½l to Harvest Fortune (8-7) 8 ran. Yarmouth 1m 3f 100yd sell stks soft Sep 16. BLONDELLO (9-2) 8th beaten over 13l to Fan Tiger (7-8) 11 ran. Beverley 1m 4f stks holding Apr 7.
Selection: INCHGOWER.

2.45 PRINCE OF WALES STAKES (3-y-o: £3,303: 1m 2f) (7).

1	04-31	CATALDI (D) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-6	A Clark	7
3	430-01	ROUGH PEARL (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 9-6	P Waldron	5
6	00000-4	COUNTRY PRINCE (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 9-0	B Rouse	5
7	03-0	GET THE MESSAGE (Fasl Racing) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn 3	1
8	d0000-0	HOUSE HUNTER (D Humphreys) C Horgan 9-0	A McGlone 3	4
9	00-0	JUST BLAKE (J Swift) B Swift 9-0	J Reid	6
12	43-	CARNET DE DANSE (Col F Hue-Williams) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	2

1983: Fawg 9-6 G Starkey (9-2) G Harwood 14 ran.

11-8 Cataldi, 3 Rough Pearl, 4 Get The Message, 13-2 Carnet De Danse, 10 Country Prince, 16 others.

FORM: CATALDI (9-0) won 7l from Petrazzo (9-0) 11 ran. Beverley 1m 2f mdn stks soft Apr 7. ROUGH PEARL (8-3) won 5l from Liberate (9-0) 7 ran. Kempton 1m 4f h'cap firm Apr 23. COUNTRY PRINCE (9-0) 4th beaten 5l to Nazeeh (9-0) 11 ran. Brighton 6f stks good to firm Apr 12. GET THE MESSAGE (8-8) 7th beaten over 5l to Trojan Fen (9-4) 8 ran. Newmarket 1m 1f stks good to firm Apr 19. CASNET DE DANSE (8-11) 3rd beaten 1l, nk to Sweet Soprano (8-1) 18 ran. Leicester 7f mdn stks good to soft Oct 17.
selection: GET THE MESSAGE.

3.15 PETWORTH SELLING HANDICAP (£969: 1m 2f) (14)

2	110-010	MONCLARE TROPHY (C,D) (BF) (Monclare Ltd) A Pitt 5-9-12 (5 ex)	B Rouse	5
5	00243-4	KAUKAS (C,D) (Hitchcock Enterprises) G Balding 5-9-7	W R Swinburn	12
6	4/0000-	ROYAL REVENGE (B) (J Parish) P Butler 5-9-7	S Whitworth 7	13
7	10033-2	STONEHENGE (D) (P Allen) J Jenkins 7-9-4	P Cook	8
8	100-200	SKY JUMP (C) (B Swift) B Swift 10-9-4	J Reid	11
9	004-0	BYKER (S Brown) R Hoad 4-9-2	A Bond	9
10	02010-0	TOWER WIN (D) (Mrs D Atkins) R Atkins 7-9-0	J Williams	7
11	400/002	QUEEN'S ROYALE (D Woollard) R Howe 9-8-11	T Quinn 3	3
13	000000/	FULL OF FORTUNE (B) (C Cory) R Voorspuy 5-8-11	Deena Knight 7	1
15	0000-00	VALIANT DANCER (B) (B Taylor) R Hoad 3-8-10	A McGlone 3	2
16	/00000-	EPRYANA (N Lee jun) M Madgwick 4-8-10	G Dickie 7	14
17	3334-00	MAIDA VALE (J Woodman) S Woodman 5-8-9	Paul Eddery	10
18	000-0	ELLAN VRETYN (Mrs P Coates) D Jermy 4-8-9	J Jenkinson	6
19	00040/	FIRE CHIEFTAIN (W Roker) M Madgwick 6-8-9	B Crossley	4

1983: Mr Music Man 9-8-9 T Rogers (10-1) Mrs C Reavey 21 ran.

11-4 Stonehenge, 7-2 Kaukas, 9-2 Monclare Trophy, 6 Tower Win, 8 Sky Jump, 10 Queen's Royale, 14 Maida Vale, 20 others.

FORM: TOWER WIN (8-0) not in first 9 of 14 to Taffy Jones (9-5) Brighton 1m 4f h'cap good to firm Apr 12. STONEHENGE (9-4) 2nd beaten nk to MONCLARE TROPHY (8-7) with KAUKAS (9-7) 4th beaten 2½l 15 ran. Folkestone 1m 2f sell h'cap good to firm Apr 16. BYKER (9-0) not in first 9 to Mister Prelude (9-0) 18 ran. Folkestone 1m 4f stks soft Mar 26. QUEEN'S ROYALE (8-2) 2nd beaten nk to Roberts Girl (7-8) with MAIDA VALE (8-0) not in first 9 of 25. Warwick 1m sell h'cap good to firm Apr 23. SKY JUMP (7-5)–17th beaten to Stylish Mover (8-0) with MONCLARE TROPHY (8-8) 18th of 22. Epsom 1m 110yd appce h'cap firm, Apr 25.
Selection: STONEHENGE.

3.45 SIDNEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL STAKES (£3,223: 1m) (9)

4	24014-0	KELLATHI (D) (Shaikh Mohammed) F Durr 4-9-7	–	9
7	10/040-	HIMORRE (D) (K Higson) A Moore 5-9-0	B Rouse	7
8	24/40-0	KUWAIT TOWER (Shaikh Fahad) J Sutcliffe 4-9-0	P Cook	1
11	0000/0-	BAHRAIN PEARLS (Mrs E Guest) W Guest 4-8-9	E Guest 5	8
14	0	HIGH EAGLE (J Parkman) R Holder 4-8-9	G Duffield	2
15	0	JUST JOSHUA (D Greig) T M Jones 5-8-9	J Reid	3
17	0	TARMON BUCK (Mrs V Maunders) R Atkins 7-8-9	D Bourtn 7	4
18	00/	UNLIMITED (Intercraft) M McCourt 5-8-9	R Wernham	8
21	0320-0	ENCHANTED CASTLE (Fasl Racing) P Cole 3-7-6	R Fox	5

1983: Dabdoub 3-7-9 T Quinn (4-1) P Cole 16 ran.

2-5 Kuwait Tower, 9-2 Kellathi, 6 Enchanted Castle, 12 Himorre, 15 others.

FORM: KELLATHI (10-0) 7th beaten over 7l to Wibis Range (9-3) 18 ran. Thirsk 1m h'cap good Apr 13. HIMORRE (7-9) not in first 9 to Morcon (9-0) 15 ran. Goodwood 1m 2f h'cap firm July 30. KUWAIT TOWER (8-10) not in first 9 to Legend Of France (8-10) 11 ran. Newmarket 1m 1f stks good to firm Apr 18. Earlier showed top form (9-0) 4th beaten 3¼l to Lomond (9-0) 16 ran. Newmarket 2,000 Guineas 1m good Apr 30. HIGH EAGLE (10-6) not in first 9 to Misty Halo (10-12) 17 ran. Nottingham 1m 5f amat stks firm Apr 23. ENCHANTED CASTLE (8-11) 7th beaten over 9l to Bold Indian (9-0) 19 ran. Newmarket 7f mdn stks good to firm Apr 19.
Selection: KUWAIT TOWER.

4.15 ORLEANS MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £822: 5f) (6)

2	04	FAIR CHARTER (M Channon) R Hannon 9-0	A McGlone 3	4
3	0	FORT DUCHESNE (R Bastian) M Madgwick 9-0	B Crossley	5
4	0	MEDELIM (T Thom) J Bridger 9-0	R Lines 5	6
7		CLARA BOOGIE (P Boggis) D Gandolfo 8-11	P Cook	2
10	2	TANA MIST (C Cory) R Voorspuy 8-11	J Reid	1
11		YULI (W Arnott) B Swift 8-11	R Fox	3

1983: Stanley The Baron 9-4 B Crossley (1-3 fav) K Brassey 7 ran.

7-4 Tana Mist, 11-4 Fair Charter, 4 Yuli, 11-2 Fair Duchesne, 1 Medelim, 16 Clara Boogie.

FORM: FAIR CHARTER (8-8) 4th beaten 12l to Que Sera (9-1) 4 ran. Newmarket 5f stks good to firm Apr 19. FORT DUCHESNE (8-11) 5th beaten 10l to Opera Comique (8-13) 8 ran. Folkestone 5f stks good to firm Apr 16. TANA MIST (8-11) 2nd beaten 7l to Shoot Pool (9-0) with MEDELIM (8-9) 5th beaten 19½l 6 ran. Brighton 5f 66yd mdn stks good to firm Apr 12.
Selection: FAIR CHARTER.

WARWICK

GOING: good to firm.

Draw: low numbers best

2.0 QUASHED TWO YEAR OLD MAIDEN STAKES (colts & geldings: £906: 5f) (7 runners)

3		JOHELSI (C Turner) R Holder 9-0	R Curant	1
6		ROCK ON DEE (Mrs A Upsdell) J Jenkins 9-0	T Williams 7	7
8		SEEB (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 9-0	J Mercer	5
11		TACHYON PARK (T Lyons III) S Matthews 9-0	B Jago	2
12		TIMEWASTER (Mrs C Williams) J Berry 9-0	K Darley	3
13	34	KEPAGI (E Thomas) W Wharton 8-11	W Wharton	4
14		THALBERG (Swinton Holdings) M Hinchliffe 8-11	L Piggott	6

1983: Abandoned - waterlogged course.

4 Seeb, 5-2 Kepagi, 9-2 Thalberg, 8 Rock On Dee, Timewaster, 14 others.

2.30 ROCKFEL TWO YEAR OLD MAIDEN SELLING STAKES (£684: 5f) (5)

1	0	ANCIENT DYNASTY (B) (P Trower) J Berry 9-0	S Horsfall 5	1
5		STEEL CAVALIER (B Taylor) Peter Taylor 9-0	–	4
7	000	AILSA PEARL (R Johnston) G Harman 8-11	J Mercer	2
11	0	FIVE STARTERS (G Potter) J Berry 8-11	K Darley	5
12		OCKEYTA (Mrs A Upsdell) J Jenkins 8-11	T Williams 7	3

2-5 Five Starters, 5 Ockeyta, 6 Steel Cavalier, 14 Ancient Display, Ailsa Pearl.

Warwick selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Seeb. 2.30 Five Starters. 3.0 Worth Avenue. 3.30 Mr Key. 4.0 Tender Trader. 4.30 Do Your Best.

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2.0 Thalberg. 3.0 Luigi's Glory. 3.30 Spiv's Right. 4.0 Ballnacarn. 4.30 Double Celt.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.0 Tender Trader.

3.0 GODIVA HANDICAP (£1,486: 2m) (11)

4	333-004	LUIGI'S GLORY (B) (L Bevan) R Williams 4-9-7	A Murray	8
8	002-	OUR CARO (Dr K Menon) P Cole 4-8-4	S Cauthen	11
9	000000	BALLAGARROW GIRL (P White) R Hollinshead 4-9-2	S Perks	10
12	003-	CAPTAIN TWINKLE (Miss S Groves) J Toller 4-9-0	P Robinson	2
16		PYJAMA GAME (Mrs D Cheshire) Mrs E Kennard 7-8-9	S Keightley	9
17	0000-00	CADDAGAT (Miss P Lovell-Smith) D Sasse 4-8-7	D McKay	3
19	/0420-0	NOBLE WAY (Safety in Construction) M Chapman 4-8-6	L Piggott	6
22	103000-	HOODWINK (B) (Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid) N Vigors 8-8-3	C Wooton 7	5
23	000/0-0	SARAH COURT (A Taylor) J Scallan 4-8-3	A Mackay	7
24	00002-0	WORTH AVENUE (D) (P Ormrod) M Chapman 8-8-3	N Howe	4
26	00000/	BUSHY BAY (Mrs M Benn) M Chapman 10-8-1	S P Griffiths 7	1

6-4 Luigi's Glory, 4 Worth Avenue, 9-2 Hoodwink, 6 Noble Way, Our Car, 10 Captain Twinkle, 14 others.

3.30 SOUTH BANK APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,142: 1m) (11)

1	00-2	MR KEY (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 9-7	J Adams 7	1
7	00001-0	APHRODISIAC (R Morris) R Morris 8-12	S Griffiths	7
9	0302-0	ARBITRAGE (J Mahon) J Spearing 8-11	W Hayes 3	4
10	02000-0	TIGERWOOD (Miss A Healy) P M Taylor 8-11	–	10
12	014-	SPIV'S RIGHT (A Nerses) G Huffer 8-4	T Williams	9
14	000-	SEMPSTER (K Spindler) W Holden 8-3	R Morse 7	8
15	4420-00	MOODY GIRL (D Gunn) R Hollinshead 8-2	A Whitehall 7	2
16	00000-0	BRI-ETTE (J Holt) J Holt 8-1	Angela Frampton 3	5
17	0200-00	MR CARACTACUS (W Payne) K Ivory 7-12	J McLean	3
18	000-0	WHAT'S IN STORE (N Samengo-Turner) C Nelson 7-12	P Matthews 7	6
21	0400-	SWEET TOOTH (G Blum) G Blum 7-7	–	11

11-4 Mr Key, 7-2 Moody Girl, 4 Spiv's Right, 6 Tigerwood, 8 Arbitrage, 10 Mr Caractacus, 14 Bri-Ette, 16 others.

4.0 LOVELY ROSA HANDICAP (£1,402: 7f) (20)

1	0302-	QUIET FIELD (N Bohemia) J Spearing 4-9-10	P Robinson	8
2	0200-40	SWINGING REBEL (D) (Mrs G Waddington) N Vigors 8-9-10	S Dawson 5	10
3	40211-0	TENDER TRADER (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 5-9-5	J Adams 7	15
5	41000-0	GOLDEN DECOY (D) (R Crellin) D Wintle 4-9-0	A Dicks 7	13
7	420300-	EAGLESFIELD (C Nelson) C Nelson 7-8-6	S Rutherford 7	13
8	202300-	BALLNACARN (D) (C Cole) J Toller 5-8-6	S Cauthen	3
10	000-000	LYMOND (D) (Miss P Phoenix) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 5-8-2	–	5
11	04000-3	SINGING BOY (G Eden) C Spares 3-8-2	M Fozzard 7	12
12	/0000-0	STEEL PASS (M Usher) M Usher 6-8-0	W Swift 7	19
13	000004-	RUBABAY (D Anderson) H Candy 4-7-12	T Williams 7	1
14	00-0003	MOSES SAMPSON (D) (D Hill) T Taylor 6-7-11	A Mackay	15
15	004-040	LATE HOUR (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 5-7-11	W Ryan 5	11
19	00100-0	INDIAN DAWN (B) (Mrs M Hartley) S Norton 3-7-8	–	9
20	40-0340	FINAL CAST (D Chapman) D Chapman 6-7-7	S P Griffiths 7	4
21	400000-	LOVING DOLL (Mrs M Langley-Pope) D Dale 4-7-7	N Carlisle	14
22	00301-6	FAIR TRADER (B) (D) (R Jones) R Peacock 3-7-7	M Fry	7
23	04/00-0	PROCERUS (W White) J Scallan 4-7-7	M L Thomas	17
24	030000-	BROMWICH BOY (W Owen) L Barratt 4-7-7	A Proud	6
25	00001-0	HOPEFUL WATERS (S Foster) J Spearing 4-7-7	G Landau 7	2
26	200000-	ACTION BELLE (Mrs P Holt) M Tate 4-7-7	M Hills	16

4 Tender Trader, 9-2 Singing Boy, Indian Dawn, 11-2 Hopeful Waters, 6 Rubabay, 8 Fair Trader, 10 Final Cast, 14 Quiet Field, Later Hour, 16 others.

4.30 LIGHT BROCADE STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £1,339: 1m) (17)

3	0-	ALRIGGA (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	A Murray	2
5	00-0	ANGELA'S GIRL (P Gibbins) R Griffiths 8-11	M Beecroft	12
7	0	ASTRAL LADY (D Prenn) J Winter 8-11	A Kimberley	9
8	00-	CHARLIE'S ANGEL (E Kronfeld) I Balding 8-11	J H Brown 5	3
10	000	COLDSTOR (P Storey) L Lightbrown 8-11	A Proud	5
13	03-	DOMINION BLUE (Maj J Green) J Spearing 8-11	P Robinson	1
15	3	DOUBLE CELT (BF) (L Freedman) H Cecil 8-11	L Piggott	14
16	03	DO YOUR BEST (Elsha Holding) G Lewis 8-11	G Sexton	8
17	00-	ESTUARY (Ld Derby) J Winter 8-11	P Hamblett	13
18		ETHEL KNIGHT (R Knight) A Bailey 8-11	P Colquhoun	4
21	0430-3	ISLAND MILL (Mrs I Balding) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias	17
30	00-	NIGEL'S ANGEL (N Freedman) A Bailey 8-11	P Bloomfield	11
33	0	PRINCESS ZENOBIA (M White) P Walwyn 8-11	J Mercer	6
35		RED GOD PRINCESS (C Stone) R Holder 8-11	R Curant	16
36		RED HILL GIRL (Mrs J Bethell) J Bethell 8-11	R Hills	15
42	230-	SPACED TO RUN (Miss K Nikke) B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen	7
43	0	SWEEP ON (L Holliday) H Candy 8-11	T Williams	10

9-4 Double Celt, 3 Princess Zenobia, 4 Sweep On, 5 Spaced To Run, 10 Do Your Best, Island Mill, 12 Alrigga, 16 others

Leading trainers and jockeys on the Flat

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hollinshead	13	3	9	0	+11.49
G Harwood	11	7	10	0	-2.99
H Cecil	8	6	3	5	-1.08
P Kelleway	8	6	8	4	+15.15
W O Gorman	8	9	3	0	+5.06
J Berry	6	14	10	4	-37.25
J Dunlop	6	4	4	0	+3.25
D W Chapman	5	5	4	10	+4.00
R Hannon	5	5	6	1	-23.75

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
S Cauthen	15	12	9	7	-15.25
P Eddery	15	9	6	6	+12.96
T Ives	11	20	8	1	-23.89
W Swinburn	11	7	4	9	+30.95
G Duffield	10	15	4	1	-19.30
W Ryan	10	2	9	0	+19.37
S Perks	9	5	3	0	-8.13
P Robinson	9	6	4	14	+40.74
G Starkey	9	4	8	12	+17.49

Point-to-point winners

DARTMOOR: Hunt: Devonport Lad adj: What A Chance. Op: Trevithien. Richard G. BFSS: Monks Flyer. Mdn: Silver's Pet.
FIFE: Buchanan: Kerry Bay. R.Op: Hume Castle adj: Flying Ace. Op: My Good Man. L.Op: Foolish Hero. Mdn: Miss Colannette.
FLINT AND DENBIGH: Hunt: Nancy Scott. Adj: Betton Gorse. Op: Sealed. L.Op: Obligatory. R.Op: Evanwood Pepper. Mdn I: Westmoss, walked over. Mdn II: Gold Secret.
PENTYRCH: Hunt: Grand Trianon adj: Yes Yes Yes. Op: Loch Raven and Wine Talk d.ht. L.Op: National Clover. R.Op: Normanes Que. Mdn: New Candy.
QUORN: Hunt: Ballyfrith Op: Cheekio Ora. L.Op: Banbury Cake. Adj: Mudir. R.Op: Rastasemefaitch. Mdn: Jupiter's Baby.
SOUTH DORSET: Adj: All Right Jack. R.Op: Misto, walked over. L.Op: Blazember. Op: Dainty Dolly. Hunt: River Lydden. Mdn. Stad Money.
SUFFOLK: Hunt: Courtneigh, walked over. Adj: Laurel Hill. R.Op: Marcus Boy. Op: Courtneigh. L.Op: Swarm. Mdn: Pamper Jet.
TIVERTON: Hunt: White Country. Op: Dull Light. L.Op: Small Tom. R.Op: Cape Race. Adj: Raid Hope. Mdn: Woodland Spirit.
WEST STREET: Hunt: Clifford St. R.Op: Gay Marshall. Adj: Boniface. L.Op: El Padr. Op: Monad Bard. Mdn: Best Horn.
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YORK AND AINSTY: Adj: Viking Knight. Hunt: Coffee Boy. Op: Just A Kinsman. L.Op: Reformina. R.Op: Rising Blue. Mdn: Sophisticated.

Results from Italy

CAPANNELLE, ROME

Premio Regina Elena (1m) 1, Honey (W Carson), 2, Solva; 3, Astrea. 7 ran. NK, NK. A Verdiccho. Tote (inc 10 lire stake): 158; 48, 36. DF. 405.

SAN SIRO, MILAN

Coppa d'Oro di Milano (1m 7f). 1, Tom Seymour (S Fancera). 2, Forward, 3, Alco. 7 ran. 9l, 2l. U Pandolfi. Tote. 57, 17, 13, 21. DF. 42.

Results from Saturday's four meetings

Sandown Park

1.45 1, Old Bailey (1-2 fav); 2, Albany Lad (11-1); 3, Royaan (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Abutala, Indians Pencil.
2.15 1, Alphabatim (4-1); 2, Trojan Fen (9-4 fav); 3, Falstaff (8-1). 8 ran.
2.55 1, Special Cargo (8-1); 2, Lettoch (11-2); 3, Diamond Edge (11-2), Plundering, Ashley House (7-1 jt favs). 13 ran.
3.35 1, Morcon (6-1); 2, Hot Touch (14-1); 3, Sheerwalk (9-2). Muscatite (7-4 fav). 8 ran.
4.10 1, Bastille (13-2); 2, Detroit Sam (4-1 fav); 3, Laurie's Panther (11-1). 12 ran.
4.40 1, Caliph (6-1); 2, His Dream (13-8 fav); 3, Walter-Kohring (33-1). 15 ran.

Leicester

1.30 1, Eagle's Landed (5-4 fav). 2, Descartes (4-1). 3, Rotherfield Greys (7-2). 8 ran NR. Storm Burst
2.0 1, Falmouth Harbour (16-1); 2, Young Nicholas (6-4 fav); 3, Mesalski (50-1). 16 ran.
2.30 1, Harlow (100-30), 2, Doc Marten (20-1), 3, Grey Desire (14-1) Spanish Place (3-1 fav) 12 ran NR. Autumn Sunset.
3.0 1, Milton Burn (20-1); 2, Tesios (33-1); 3, May Be This Time (5-1); 4, First Banquet (11-1). Blackguard (9-4 fav) 16 ran
3.35 1, Bethan (15-8); 2, Maundy Gift (7-4 fav), 3, Mark Melody (6-1) 6 ran.
4.10 1, Rio Deva (7-1); 2, Westgate Star (12-1), 3, Gunner's Belle (20-1); 4, Lucky Orphan (16-1). Rose Glow (4-1 fav). 19 ran

Ripon

2.30 1, Mister Mesmor (7-4 jt fav); 2, Next Witness (7-4 jt fav); 3, Qualitair Flyer (7-2). 8 ran. NR Bay Bazaar.
3.0 1, Sauce Radio (7-1); 2, Winning Style (3-1); 3, Lavinia's Pet (8-1). Bridge Of Joy (2-1 fav. 13 ran.
3.30 1m Tree Mallow (5-1); 2, Pearlpin (16-1); 3, Frasass (10-1). Appeal To Me (2-1 fav). 8 ran.
4.0 1, Provideo (evens fav); 2, Halcyon Cove (2-1); 3, Fuel Injection (3-1). 3 ran.
4.30 1, Keltared (7-1); 2, Transflash (11-4 fav); 3, Saxham Breck (7-2). 12 ran.
5.0 1, Bank Parade (8-13 fav); 2, Rauvel (9-4); 3, Rabirius (50-1). 7 ran. NR: Redgrave Artist.

Hexham

2.15 1, Gun Point (7-1); 2, Spring Chancellor (4-7 fav); 3, Master Blaster (10-1). 5 ran.
2.45 1, Belle Isle Walk (4-1); 2, Snowy River (11-4 jt fav); 3, Rumase (8-1). Splendor Blade (11-4 jt fav). 11 ran.
3.15 1, Cholmondeley Lane (9-1); 2, Wellhill (3-1); 3, Granger (8-1). Millymeets (9-4 fav). 13 ran.
3.45 1, Mount Rule (evens fav); 2, Mossy Cones (10-1); 3, Hubil (2-1). 7 ran. NR: Brooksey.
4.15 1, Charons Daughter (7-2); 2, Joyful Star (7-2); 3, Northside (12-1). Chosen (7-4 fav). 7 ran.
4.45 1, Rodney Parade (4-1); 2, Pilton (5-2 jt fav); 3, Glen Willy (8-1). Its A Capper (5-2 jt fav). 9 ran.
5.15 1, Mercado Magic (16-1); 2, Woodside (7-2); 3, Virago Lady (7-1). Clanned (2-1 fav). 11 ran.

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TRAINERS: G Harwood 24 winners from 98 runners 24.5%; J Dunlop 31 from 163, 19.0%; P Cole 29 from 160, 18.1%.
JOCKEYS: W Carson 52 winners from 229 rides 22.7%; P Cook 19 from 119, 16.0%; J Reid 15 from 164, 9.1%.

WARWICK

TRAINERS: H Cecil 8 winners from 18 runners 44.4%; P Walwyn 11 from 59, 18.6%; P Cole 20 from 108, 18.6%.
JOCKEYS: S Cauthen 27 winners from 122 rides 22.1%.

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 1.45 Lakshmi Lady, Christmas Ornament.
WARWICK: 2.30 Ancient Dynasty. 3.0 Luigi's Glory

● Philip Robinson has been hooked to ride Kings Island in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday. He will also partner Bold Bob in the Palace House Stakes.

Secreto lives up to his reputation

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

Mr and Mrs Luigi Miglietti and a party of 10 friends flew from Venezuela to Dublin on Friday night to see their colt, Secreto, contest the HM Hartigan Tetrarch Stakes at The Curragh on Saturday. They were well satisfied with their long journey as Secreto lived up to his home reputation and won by three lengths from his market rival, Without Reserve.

The winner is yet another group race scorer for that marvellous stallion, Northern Dancer, and was bought by Mr Miglietti for $340,000 (£240,000) at Keeneland. He is the first horse trained in Ireland for Mr Miglietti, who owns an important stud farm in Venezuela and who is extending his racing interests to the United States and France. David O'Brien said afterwards that Secreto would go for the Irish 2000 Guineas on May 19.

There was an upset in the group two Rogers Gold Cup when Executive Pride and Flame of Tara were beaten by Foscarini, who extended the splendid winning run of his trainer, Con Collins. Foscarini will now be trained for the Irish Sweeps Derby.

● Mick Ryan will have his first runner in an English or Irish Classic when Katies contests the Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas at The Curragh

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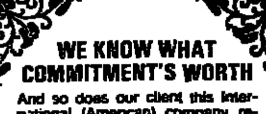
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Applications with curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees should be made to The Headmaster, Stonyhurst College, Nr Blackburn, Lancashire BB6 9PZ. Please quote reference TS/2/84.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL LEATHERHEAD
HEAD

The Council of St. John's invite applications for the post of Headmaster which falls vacant on the retirement of Mr E. J. Hartwell in August 1985.

Details of the post and instructions for submitting applications can be obtained from M. J. M. Albrow, Secretary to the Council, St. John's School, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8SP. Applications are required by 1st July 1984.

Queen Mary College
(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)
CENTRE FOR COMMERCIAL LAW STUDIES

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

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YOUR PEN CAN PAY FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART

Applications are invited for the post of

VISITING PROFESSOR in the School of Metalwork and Jewellery

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BEDFORD TUTORIAL COLLEGE

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Queen Mary College
(University of London)
CENTRE FOR COMMERCIAL LAW STUDIES

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COMMERCIAL LAW

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

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University Appointments

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

Director of Commercial and Industrial Development

(Minimum £17,275 p.a.)

Applications are invited for the above post which falls vacant on 1 June 1984 with the return of the present holder to a senior post overseas. *The Director of The Commercial and Industrial Development Bureau* spearheads the university's exploitation of ideas, inventions and commercial products for the benefit of British industry.

Applicants should have had wide marketing experience in industry and commerce and should possess a high level of entrepreneurial and management skills.

Salary will be within the Professorial range, minimum £17,275.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary (Staffing), The University of Sheffield, Sheffield, S10 2TN, to whom applications (one copy), naming two referees, should be sent not later than 14 May, 1984. Quote ref: R72/A.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

University of London
Norfolk Place, London W2 1PG.

Applications are invited for the post of

Secretary to the Royal College of Psychiatrists

whose national headquarters are at 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

The Secretary is the prime administrator and has responsibility for all departments within the College. The successful applicant would work closely with the Honorary Officers. Experience in the public service sector (eg. Education or NHS) would be an advantage.

It is expected that the Secretary should develop a thorough knowledge of the financial affairs of the College and should therefore be suitably qualified (eg. by experience) to collaborate with the Honorary Treasurer and the Finance Officer. A knowledge of computers would be valuable.

The salary will be in the range of £17,000 – £21,000 plus London Weighting according to age and experience.

Four copies of applications, including c v. and the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent by 23 May 1984 to The Registrar, Professor R. G Priest, at The Academic Department of Psychiatry, St. Mary's Hospital, London W2 1NY, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HAMBURG GERMANY

Requires for late August '84 teacher of:

HISTORY, experienced teaching IB, O-level, gds. 7-12.

MATHEMATICS, experienced gds. 7-12 to IB, AP or A-level; computer experience required;

ENGLISH, gds. 6-12, IB at all levels, preferably ESL training and experience

GERMAN/FRENCH, part-time; experienced for Beginners to IB German Lang. A (native speaker) and B; post is maternity leave replacement, Sept.-Dec. '84, possible extension to June '85.

IB Theory of knowledge experience an asset for first three posts.

Applications to Dieter Hachmann,
INTERNATIONALE SCHULE HAMBURG,
Holmbrook 2a, 2000 Hamburg 52, West Germany
by May 9, 1984

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY

LECTURESHIPS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY

We have vacancies for graduates interested in the following areas of teaching and research:

(a) Industrial Automation
(b) Quality and Reliability Engineering
(c) Manufacturing Systems

Applicants should have a good honours degree, meaningful industrial training and the capacity to develop quickly within high technology.

The salary will be on the university lecturer scale, currently at £8,376-£15,311 with London Allowance, and USS benefits.

For further details please contact the Personnel Secretary, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 3PH, or telephone Uxbridge 37188, ext 49. Closing date: 22 May 1984.

Brunel University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON

(University of London)

QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE — CHELSEA COLLEGE

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN ENGLISH

Applications are invited for the above post, for appointment from October 1984 for one year. Preference will be given to candidates with a special interest in 19th century literature.

Salary on the scale £7,190 to £14,125 per annum plus £1,186 per annum London Allowance.

Application forms and further particulars are available from Mr S P Harrow, Assistant Registrar, King's College London, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS (tel 01-836 5454 ext 2689). Applications should be submitted in duplicate with the names of two referees as soon as possible, and not later than 21 May 1984.

HORIZONS

The Times guide to career choice

Designing for your future

Iris Rosier spots an area in which employment opportunities are being promoted and some consultancies booming

The Government, the Open University, the Duke of Edinburgh and the godfathers sound an incongruous group. In fact, they are all actively involved in promoting the cause of good design and indirectly helping young designers trying to find employment.

The godfathers are members of the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers, committed to helping recently qualified designers improve their portfolios and so gain either staff jobs or commissions for their work. Last year the society persuaded more than 400 established designers throughout Britain to team up with young designers in their areas. The scheme is already producing successes. In the South-East, designers have held portfolio "surgeries" so that young hopefuls could learn how to mak their work more saleable. At a time when the bigger design companies say that they receive up to a thousand applications a year without advertising, any positive measure is to be welcomed.

On May 1 the Duke of Edinburgh makes his selection of outstanding design achievements. Last year his choices ranged from a helicopter to a plastic clip. It is good to see designers

More than just changing a machine's shape

as well as actors and film stars receiving royal acclaim.

Both the Open University researchers and the Department of Industry are convinced that well-designed products go hand in hand with good business performance. "Design for Profit" is the campaign slogan, which is backed up by £3,000,000 to be allocated over three years to small firms. At the start of a new project, companies can apply for the free services of design consultancies for 15 days, and a further 15 days at half cost. The scheme has its imperfections but it must generate more work for designers.

Industrial design is not just a matter of improving the shape of machine tools or fork-lift trucks. It is central to everyday living. An industrial designer might work on a bus shelter, plastic toys, food packaging, motor bike or even Concorde.

Unfortunately, too many people are aware of the need for good design only when it fails. Commutators on the new trains on the Bedford line have complained of claustrophobia. High-backed seats and the dark colour scheme have been blamed. Designing sliding doors with windows so low that passengers have to stoop to see names of the stations seems to be a blunder.

Good design is copied worldwide. An innovative food-mixer design from the 1960s is still being adapted by many other companies as the basis for their new models. A surprising number of Japanese products have a British input: the ideas and talents of UK designers.

Industrial or product design demands a host of skills. Students not only have to draw, they have to be able to communicate with all the other members of the product team from marketing managers to toolmakers. Since there is no guarantee their clients will be visually sophisticated, designers need to be able to sell their ideas. While the marketing manager will be impressed by an easy-to-handle, value-for-money approach, the toolmaker will look for a design which creates an efficient, clean, safe product. Sometimes these demands will conflict and the designer has to be supremely flexible, even thick skinned. Prima donnas are not wanted.

Team work extends to the design consultancies. Multi-disciplinary design teams can be found there as well as in industry. After a training in graphics or textiles it is quite possible to work in a three-dimensional team on projects as diverse as furniture or office interiors.

Industrial design is all about problem-solving. A design must be produced on time and it has to take account of all the functional and ergonomic factors as well as aesthetic consideration. The best designers discard the conventional approach and seek out fresh ways of tackling a problem. Modern technology is helping. Solid modellers and computer-aided design let product designers visualize their projects in true 3D.

Product designers have to be expert in the properties of their materials,

Expert in properties of their materials

whether plastic, wood or ceramics. They have to grapple with costing and storage as well as production problems. From the drawing board, their brainchild is translated into a model and finally into a prototype before the factory swings into full production. The complexities of the job are such that an increasing number of industrial and product designers are graduates.

Together the engineer and the designer have produced battery operated computers weighing less than 7lb. Some can be used out of doors by an operator with gloved hands. Ten years ago computers weighed tons and demanded air conditioned palaces. It took both high technology and design skills to overcome the problem. The leader of the design team that produces a new computer will almost certainly be an engineer. But a team working on a new packaging product is more likely to be directed by a designer.

It is generally agreed that the greater the engineering input, the greater is the responsibility of the design engineer. In a less complex product, the designer bears the brunt of the problems.

Degree courses for industrial designers may be in product design or in industrial design (engineering). Many students interested in design ask whether they should first train as engineers, and then add on design courses or become designers with an interest in engineering applications. It is probably easier for an engineer to take postgraduate design courses than for a designer to become a professional engineer but some courses are attempting to blend the two. First degrees in industrial design in the polytechnics are looking for students with a thorough grounding in physical sciences and mathematics. The Polytechnic of the South Bank in London has developed an engineering

Collaboration with the Royal College of Art

product design degree, while Coventry Polytechnic's BA in industrial design transportation looks for students who can grasp aerodynamics before they start to design vehicle bodies.

The universities are actively involved in the engineering applications of design at higher degree level. It is encouraging that Imperial College is collaborating with the Royal College of Art. And in 1984 one postgraduate student will actually be sponsored by industry.

To help students make this difficult choice the Design Council, in the latest edition of its booklet, *Design Courses in Britain*, is listing engineering courses with a significant design content.

For students who blanch at the idea of four or five years of studying after A-level or H-grade examinations, vocational courses have been developed. They are designed for students with O passes and last for two years; in England and Wales they are often preceded by an exploratory foundation year. BTEC and SCOTEC are responsible for the administration of these full-time courses. Young designers have to be aware of grants problems on these courses as the awards from education authorities are discretionary. As a result most students cannot afford to live away from home.

Certainly young designers can expect to take longer over finding a first post than many other students. But recent surveys show that graduate designers are doing as well as engineers in finding related work and that the starting salaries for the talented are comparable.

Some design consultancies are booming. Three of the biggest have recently become public companies. Altogether the climate begins to look more promising. Some would argue that is is a disgrace that the state has had to promote designers. But if their campaign creates more awareness and more work, then final-year students will not figure among the grumblers.

University Appointments

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SWANSEA

Fixed Term Lecturer

Applications are invited for the vacancy of Fixed Term Lecturer in Applied Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The Department has research interests in the following areas of applied mathematics: probability theory, statistical mechanics, quantum theory, hydrodynamics and computer graphics.

The appointment, which will be for five years from the soonest date that can be arranged, will be at the lower end of the Lecturers scale £7190 - £14125 per annum, together with USS/USDPS benefits.

Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to which office they should be returned by Friday, May 18, 1984.

Imperial College of Science and Technology

LECTURESHIPS

Applications are invited for the following Lectureships available from 1 October 1984.

1. DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING – Declarative Languages: Computer Architecture. To play key role in expanding the Department's expertise in parallel architecture for declarative languages. Hardware expertise will be an important asset.

2. DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING – Software Engineering and IKBS. To act as a bridge between the strong groups already in existence in the Department in each of these areas. Interests will probably relate to the application of IKBS technology to software engineering, for example in the use of logic based tools and databases for programming support.

3. DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING – Man Machine Interfaces. Cognitive aspects of information systems; speech technology.

Candidates must not currently hold a permanent university appointment in the United Kingdom. Appointment will be at an appropriate point on the Lecturer scale £8,376 – £15,311 including London Allowance (under review). Further particulars of these appointments from the Personnel Secretary, Imperial College, London SW7 2AZ, 01-589 5111 ext 2003, to whom applications with curriculum vitae, list of *publications and names of two referees should be sent by 25 May 1984.*

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

Norwich

CHAIR IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a Chair in Economics in the School of Economic and Social Studies, in succession to Professor A Schweinberger. There is no restriction of field within economics but applicants will be expected to have one or more specialisms as well as broadly based interests in the discipline. The appointment will be at an appropriate point on the Professorial scale £17,275 to £21,160 (under review) and will be tenable from January 1985 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applications (five copies), giving full particulars of age, qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made should be lodged with the Registrar and Secretary, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ (telephone 0603 56161 ext 2208) from whom further particulars may be obtained, not later than 15 June 1984. No forms of application are issued.

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE/ CHELSEA COLLEGE

Post of Librarian

The three Colleges, which are in the process of merging, are appointing a joint Librarian to take up the post on 1 October 1984, and who will become Librarian of the merged College when a single institution has been formed. The job is therefore, initially, to plan the disposal of Library resources within the three Colleges and to coordinate the services which currently exist on the various sites. In the longer term, the Librarian will be responsible for a fully integrated Library service, with a single budget, serving the single College, King's College London (KQC). The post is in Grade IV for Senior Library Staff, currently £17,275 p.a. mimumum, plus £1,186 p.a. London Allowance.

In view of the range of responsibilities outlined above, it is expected that the successful applicant will have had extensive experience at a senior level in a University Library.

Applications to the Personnel Secretary (KQC), c/o King's College London, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS, from whom an application form and further particulars are available. (Tel: 01-836 5454, ext 2288). Closing date for completed applications: Tuesday 29 May 1984.

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

Norwich

CHAIR IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

Applications are invited for a Chair in English Literature in the School of English and American Studies.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide academic leadership in a group of more than twenty academic staff, and to promote links with other subjects in an interdisciplinary School of Studies. Appointments will be at an appropriate point on the Professional scale £17,275 to £21,160 (under review) and will be tenable from April 1985.

Applications (five copies), giving full particulars of age, qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made should be lodged with the Registrar and Secretary, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ (telephone 0603 56161 ext 2208) from whom further particulars may be obtained, not later than 15 June 1984. No forms of application are issued.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

Appointment of VICE-CHANCELLOR

The University intends to appoint a Vice-Chancellor in succession to Professor J. M. Roberts. It is hoped that an appointment will be made with effect from 1 September 1985.

Information about the appointment may be obtained on request. *In addition the Chairman of Council will* be pleased to receive letters suggesting the names of individuals who might be considered for the post. In either case letters – marked 'Confidential' – should be addressed to:-

**Sir Bernard Miller, MA, LLD, FCIS,
Chairman of Council,
The University,
Southampton, SO9 5NH**

UWIST

University of Wales

CHEMISTRY RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

postdoctoral, to work specifically in Chemical Speciation and Computational Modelling of Radioactive Waste Disposal Systems.

Salary: Within Range 1A Research and Analogous Staff
£7,190 – £11,615 p.a.

Requests (quoting Ref. B50) for details and application form to Staffing Office, PO Box 68, UWIST, Cardiff CF1 3XA.

Closing Date: 15 May 1984

Southampton THE UNIVERSITY

Appointment of PROFESSOR OF LAW

Applications are invited for the Chair of Law which became vacant following the appointment of Professor D C Jackson as vice-President of the Immigration Appeals Tribunal. Applicants may have specialised interests in any branch of legal studies.

Further details may be obtained from the Secretary and Registrar, The University Southampton, SO9 5NH, to whom applications (9 copies from applicants in the UK) should be sent before 14 May 1984.

THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

Chair of Management/Directorship of the School of Management and Finance

The Senate of the University invites applications for the Chair of Management/Directorship of the School of Management and Finance tenable from 1 October 1984, or such other date as may be arranged. The successful candidate will be expected to make a contribution to the teaching programme of the School, particularly in post-experience/postgraduate courses, depending on his or her specific interests and expertise within the field of management.

Salary £19,416 per annum with contributory pension rights under FSSU or USS.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, The Queen's University of Belfast, BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland. Closing date: 22 June 1984. (Please quote Ref. 84/T).

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Applications are invited for a

LECTURESHIP

in the above Department, tenable from 1 October 1984. General philosophical interests and abilities are essential; however a special interest in logic and the philosophy of science or ancient philosophy would be an advantage. Initial salary in the range of £7,190 – £8,530 a year on a scale rising to £14,125 a year. Expected age of candidates up to about 27 years but older candidates not precluded. Particulars from the Registrar and Secretary (Staffing), the University, *Sheffield S10 2TN to whom applications* (8 copies), including the names of three referees should be sent by 25 May 1984. Please quote Ref: R77/A.

University of Essex

Department of Chemistry

CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY

Applications are invited for a Chair of Chemistry for appointment from 1 October 1984 or as soon as possible thereafter. It is intended that the appointment should be that of an inorganic or physical chemist *and preference will be given to* applicants with interests in inorganic synthesis, inorganic material science or spectroscopy.

Salary not less than £17,275 per annum in the national professorial range (under review).

Applications (14 copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees, should reach the Registrar (C/187/T), University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ, from whom further particulars may be obtained, by 21 May 1984.

SCHOOL OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

University of London

'New Blood' Lectureship in Yugoslav Studies

Applications are invited from those who will be under 35 on 1 October 1984 for a post in Yugoslav Studies to be established in the School from that date or as soon as possible thereafter. The successful applicant will be expected to initiate and coordinate research into an aspect of the social or cultural life of one of the smaller Slav nations or non-Slav nationalities of Yugoslavia. He or she will be required to assist in *the teaching of Serbo-Croat as well* as in developing undergraduate courses related to the area of the research proposed. *Further* particulars may be obtained from the Clerk to the Council, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, (01-617 4934 Ext 4035) to whom letters of application must be submitted by 31 May 1984. Salary scale (under review): £7,190-£14,125 pa plus £1,186 London Allowance.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

TRANSPORT STUDIES GROUP

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Required for 2-year SERC funded project which seeks to improve a model (developed and validated in the Group) for estimating trip matrices from traffic counts. Led by Dr L. G. Willumsen, the project builds on experience gained with the basic model and its application by British consultants in this country and overseas. The project will require close contact with consultants, local authorities and other researchers in Britain.

The person appointed should have a solid background in mathematics or statistics, an interest in transport planning and some software developments experience.

The appointment is for 2 years commencing as soon as can be arranged. Starting salary on Range IA is up to £9,716 inc. London Allowance with Superannuation under USS.

For further details, please contact: Professor R. E. Allsop, Transport Studies Group, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. Tel: 01-387 7050 ext. 70.

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

Department of Applied Mathematics

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the above three year appointment commencing 1 October 1984 at and initial salary in the range £7,190 to £7,630 per annum, plus USS.

The post is funded by an SERC Research Grant and will involve the theoretical study of radio frequency heating of magnetically confined plasmas as part of a programme of research being carried out in collaboration with UKAEA Culham Laboratory. Some knowledge of plasma physics or a related discipline and of the use of computers would be an advantage.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Establishments Officer, The University, College Gate, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9AJ, to whom applications (two copies preferably in typescript), including C.V., list of publications and the names of two referees should be sent to arrive not later than 25 May 1984.

King's College School of Medicine & Dentistry

Denmark Hill
London SE5 8RX

SENIOR LECTURESHIP in CLINICAL IMAGING

Applications are invited from graduates in the physical or engineering sciences for the post of Senior Lecturer in Clinical Imaging. This new post, which has been established under a London University scheme for academic initiative, will be tenable within the Department of Medical Engineering and Physics.

The post has been created in order to further broaden the multidisciplinary activities of the department by strengthening and developing its research and teaching in the clinical application of imaging technology. The successful applicant will have already established a reputation in these areas and experience in the application of non-ionising radiation would be an advantage.

The appointment will be made on the non-clinical Senior Lecturer scale (£13,365-£16,925 p.a., plus £1,186 London Weighting).

Further particulars are available from the Secretary, King's College School of Medicine & Dentistry, Denmark Hill, London SE5, to whom applications (4 copies) giving the names of three referees should be sent by 14th May 1984.

Prospective applicants are welcome to visit the Department by arrangement with Professor V. C. Roberts (Telephone 01-693 3377 Ext. 3031).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

LECTURESHIPS

Applications invited for a

LECTURESHIP and TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP

(four years) in Department of Physiology. Applicants should normally have post-doctoral experience in their chosen field and, hence, have a clear idea about their research interests. Collaboration with other *departments in the College is* encouraged. They should have published in their field and would be expected to seek outside support for their research from the Research Councils and Charitable Trusts.

The successful candidates will play an active role in the teaching of the department which includes courses in Physiology for Medical Dental, Science and Speech Science students.

Applicants in ANY FIELD OF PHYSIOLOGICAL SCIENCES are encouraged to apply. Applicants for other lectureships advertised recently in this department will be considered if they submit an updated c.v. Salary on Lecturer scale £7,190-£14,125 (under review) plus £1,186 London Allowance.

Applications and enquiries should be sent to Professor T. J. Biscoe, Department of Physiology, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. Tel: 01-387 7050 ext 322. Closing date: 31 May 1984.

University of Liverpool

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

DEMONSTRATOR/SENIOR DEMONSTRATOR

Applications are invited for the post of Demonstrator/Senior Demonstrator tenable from 1st September 1984 and renewable for up to 3 years. Candidates normally expected to hold Ph.D or equivalent degree or to be about to present a thesis for that degree. Duties include demonstrating practical work and giving tutorials to undergraduates and supervising an Honours research project as well as conducting research, for which a wide range of facilities are available.

Initial salary in the range £6,310 - £8,630 pa.

Applications, together with the names of three referees should be received not later than 1st June 1984 by the Registrar, The University, PO Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Quote Ref: RV/295/T.

UNIVERSITY OF READING

Department of English

'NEW BLOOD' LECTURESHIP

Media Studies

Applications are invited from those with teaching and/or research interests in the related fields of literature and media studies (film, TV, radio). Candidates should have a thorough understanding of the theoretical framework of recent work in media studies, and should be interested in the development of research and teaching in this field.

A particular interest in the transcription of the written word to screen or radio is essential. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to undergraduate teaching in drama, and to develop a proposed postgraduate course in media studies.

The appointment is from 1 October 1984. Salary on the scale £7,190 to £14,125 pa plus USS/USDPS benefits.

Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) are available from Personnel Officer, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 2AH. Tel: (0734) 875123, ext 220. (Ref. NB 848). Closing date 21 May, 1984.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for this post. The varied duties are concerned with the development and management of the Institute (a self financing organisation), the *maintenance of financial records* and with servicing committees.

Applicants must be numerate and preferably have a university degree or equivalent professional qualification with not less than 2 years experience. Experience of computer based financial records would be an advantage.

Salary on scale up to £9,875 pa (under review).

Further particulars and application forms are obtainable from the Senior Assistant Secretary, University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT. To whom application forms should be returned by 18th May 1984.

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

PhD Grants in CHEMISTRY

Grants are available at normal SERC level for good graduates wishing to study for a PhD degree in Chemistry. All projects involve using electron spin resonance and other spectroscopic techniques and one requires strong biochemical interest.

Applicants should write in the first instance, giving all relevant details, to Professor M. C. R. Symons, Department of Chemistry, The University, Leicester, LE1 7RH.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Scott Polar Research Institute

SENIOR RESEARCH POST

in glaciology tenable from 1 October 1984. Experience in remote sensing, ice-sheet/glacier modelling, or air-sea-ice interactions desirable.

Further details from the Secretary of the Appointments Committee for the Faculty of Geography and Geology,
Scott Polar Research Institute,
Lensfield Road,
Cambridge, CB2 1ER,
to whom applications should be sent by 8 June 1984.

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Lectureship in Theoretical Physics

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Theoretical Physics, tenable from 1 October 1984. The lectureship is funded under the University Grants Committee's "New Blood" scheme. The age of the successful candidate should not normally exceed 35 at the date of appointment.

The person appointed will be expected to undertake research in the field of Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics and will be attached to the Theoretical Physics group. This group has a wide spread of interests in theories of solids and their surfaces. Candidates should have experience in Semiconductor Physics and preference will be given to candidates with research backgrounds in large scale computational studies

Initial salary will depend upon qualifications and experience on the Lecturers' scale £7,190 to £14,125 (under review).

Further particulars from the Registrar, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH, to whom applications should be sent on the form provided by 31 May 1984.

THE MRC/ESRC SOCIAL AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY UNIT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

RESEARCH INTO CAREERS CHANGE AND EFFECTIVENESS IN ORGANISATIONS

Applications are invited to join the Unit's programme on Job Transitions and Career Development, to study how succession, placement and career development practices relate to individual and organisational performance. Tenable for three years from autumn 1984 or a mutually convenient date. Applicants should have at least two years' post-graduate experience. Initial salary £7,190 – £12,080 a year. Further details from Dr Nigel Nicholson, MRC/ESRC Social and Applied Psychology Unit, Department of Psychology, the University, Sheffield S10 2TN, Telephone *0742 756600. Quote ref: R76/A.*

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

LECTURSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Applications are invited for the above post. Applicants should be competent in the history and phenomenology of religion, interested in the encounter of religious traditions and well equipped in the study of Islam. Previous experience overseas is desirable.

Salary on the Lecturer's scale £7,190 to £14,125 per annum, with appropriate placing (under review).

Further particulars and application forms from The Secretary, The University, Aberdeen, with whom applications (2 copies) should be lodged by 1 June 1984.

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Temporary Lectureship in Arabic

Applications are invited for the post of Temporary Lecturer in Arabic, tenable from 1 October 1984 for a period of three years. The post would be particularly geared to modern Arabic studies in any of these fields: Arabic Literature, or the Economics, Politics and Sociology of the Arab world. Salary will be within the Lecturer scale £7190 – £14125 per annum (under review), with placement appropriate to age and experience. Further particulars available from the Personnel Office, University of Exeter, Exeter EX4 4QJ, to whom applications (six copies) giving the names of three referees, should be sent by 29 May 1984, quoting reference no. 3375.

Southampton THE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for a 'New Blood' post of Lecturer in Pure Mathematics in the department of Mathematics. Candidates should have at least a good honours degree in Pure Mathematics or its equivalent.

Salary scale: £7,190 x £450 (15) – £14,125 per annum (under review).

The initial salary will depend on qualifications and experience. Further particulars may be obtained from D.A.S. Copland, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH to whom applications (7 copies from United Kingdom applicants) should be sent not later than 25 May 1984 quoting reference No: 2038.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Applications are invited from graduates for the post of ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT in the Faculty of Medicine section of the Registrar's Office. The duties will cover a range of work associated with the REGIONAL POST GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY and will include the administration of postgraduate medical and dental courses in the Northern Region and the servicing of Institute Committees. Applicants should preferably have had experience in a university or other appropriate establishment.

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar, (F.P.), The University, 6 Kensington Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, with whom applications (3 copies), together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be lodged not later than 25 May 1984. Please quote reference T

University of Liverpool

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

LECTURER

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons preferably with some post-doctoral experience for an established Lecturship tenable from 1st September 1984. Candidates should be capable of developing independent research and of contributing to teaching in one of the Honours Courses involving the Department (Biochemistry, Biochemistry/Medical Cell Biology and Molecular Biology). Research interests and experience in a field within the general areas of Microbial Biochemistry, Molecular Biology or Enzymology advantageous since facilities for such work are more readily available.

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Applications, together with the names of three referees should be received not later than 1 June, 1984, by the Registrar, The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Quote Ref. RV 294/T.

University of Edinburgh

COLIN MACLAURIN CHAIR OF MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for the Colin MacLaurin Chair of Mathematics in the University of Edinburgh which will become vacant on the retirement of Professor F F Bonsall FRS. The position is available from 1 October 1984 or as soon as possible thereafter. The candidate will be expected to have a distinguished record of research in some central area of mathematics. Further particulars of the post may be obtained from the undersigned, with whom applications (12 copies: overseas candidates need submit one application only) including the names of three referees should be loged by 11 June 1984. Please quote reference number 17/84.
A M Currie, Secretary to the University, University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL.

The Queen's University of Belfast

NEW LECTURESHIPS

Applications are invited for the following lectureships tenable from 1 October 1984.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

This post is in the Department of Chemical Engineering. The duties of the person appointed may include teaching at any level of the undergraduate programme, although ability to contribute in the *teaching of mass transfer* would be particularly welcomed. An interest in any specific field of research in chemical engineering will be viewed as an essential requirement for the post. Closing date: 15 June 1984.

MOLECULAR GENETICS

This post in Botany/Biochemistry is open to persons under the age of 35 years. The lecturer will be expected to carry out research in the general area of molecular genetics and gene expression of plants, especially algae and fungi. Candidates must have a PhD and preferably be experienced in recombinant DNA techniques. Closing date: 31 May 1984.

Salary scale for both posts is *£7,191 - £14,127 per annum* with contributory pension rights under USS, initial placing on scale depending on age, qualifications and experience.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, The Queen's University of Belfast, BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland. (Please quote Ref. 84/T).

University of Reading

DEPARTMENT OF PURE AND APPLIED ZOOLOGY

Applications are invited for a

LECTURESHIP

from entomologists who are able to teach both fundamental and applied aspects of the subject. Preferences will be given to candidates with proven research abilities in crop protection, development physiology or aspects of pesticides resistance.

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

PROFESSORSHIPS OF ENGINEERING

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Applications (10 copies) marked "Confidential" should be sent to the Secretary General of the Faculties, from whom further information may be obtained, at the General Board Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT. Names of two referees may be submitted if desired.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

University Assistant Lecturer in the FACULTY OF CLASSICS

Applications are invited for the post of University Assistant Lecturer in the Faculty of Classics to take up appointment on 1st October 1984 or as soon as possible thereafter.

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Further informations about the duties and conditions of appointment may be obtained from the Secretary of the Appointments Committee, Faculty Classics, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge, CB3 9DA to whom applications (10 copies) including a curriculum vitae and the names of 2 or 3 referees should be *sent so as to reach him not later than 18th May 1984.*

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

LECTURER

Applications are invited for the above post available from 1 October 1984.

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Informal enquiries may be made to Professor B. R. Jewell (tel. Leeds 431751 Ext 7267).

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference no. *104/11/A. Closing date for applications* 21st May 1984.

THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP

Department of Medicine

This Medical Research Council Research Studentship is tenable for the academic year 1984/85, and renewable for up to three years. The candidate who should hold, or be expected to achieve, a good honours degree at Summer graduation will be expected to register for a higher degree. The research will be related to pancreatic and gut hormones.

Applications with full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees by 1 June to Professor K. D. Buchanan, Department of Medicine, The Queen's University of Belfast, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, BT12 6BA, from whom further details are available.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

FACULTY OF LAWS

Applications are invited for TWO LECTURESHIPS in the Faculty of Laws from 1 October 1984

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

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Applications are invited from geophysicists with interests in exploration geophysics for a Lectureship in Geophysics in the Department of Geology. Applicants should have experience in exploration data acquisition, processing and interpretation and be prepared to give courses at senior undergraduate level as well as to carry out research and to supervise graduate students. The appointment is part of an expansion and integration of geophysics teaching and research at the University of Melbourne and Monash University and will be for a period of three years in the first instance.

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Further printed information regarding details of applications procedure and conditions of appointment is available from:

The Appointments Officer (Academic)
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Secretary General
Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts)
36 Gordon Square
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Applications close on 30 June 1984.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Department of Biochemistry

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Mike Smith. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; film and pop record reviews between 7.45 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33.
9.00 Gardeners' World (shown last Friday). 9.25 Praise Be! Thora Hird with a selection of hymns (shown yesterday). 10.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Chloe Ashcroft (r). 10.55 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles.) 1.00 Pebble Mill At One. Among the guests are Peter Ustinov and the Maharani of Jaipur. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).
2.00 Living on the Land. The story of John Butler and his wife who farm three acres at Bicker Fen, Lincolnshire (r). 2.25 In Search of ... William the Conqueror. Michael Wood searches for the famous invader in Normandy and England. The last in the series (r). 3.20 A Fair Stint on the River. The story of the raft race down the River Wye from Hay to Chepstow. 3.53 Regional News (not London).
3.55 Play School, presented by Carol Chell (r). 4.20 The All New Popeye Show. Cartoons featuring the indestructible salt. 4.40 Lassie. Adventures of a canny canine. 5.00 Newsround with Paul McDowell. 5.05 Blue Peter. Janet Ellis with a preview of the exhibition, due to open soon at the Imperial War Museum that tells the story of the Resistance during the Nazi occupation of Europe. 5.35 The Wombles (r).
5.40 Sixty Minutes begins with news from Frances Coverdale followed by weather at 5.54 and regional magazines at 5.55. News headlines are at 6.38.
6.40 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.
7.10 A Wing and a Prayer. Glyn Worsnip reports on some of the more bizarre ideas that have come to fruition in the United States on the subject of aviation.
7.55 Points of View. Barry Took dips into the BBC's postbag.
8.10 Panorama: The Coal War. Jeremy Paxman talks to Durham miners.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP/Liberal Alliance.
9.10 News with Sue Lawley.
9.35 Film: Lady With a Badge (1981) starring Eileen Brennan and Pernell Roberts. Drama about a married couple who move to a small-town in Wyoming. Appalled by the lack of law enforcement the wife decides to run for sheriff. Only then does she realise the extent of the corruption in the police department, but it is when she discovers the person behind the corruption that her troubles really begin. Directed by Jud Taylor. (First showing on British television).
11.05 Film 84 with Barry Norman includes a review of the psychological thriller, The Dead Zone.
11.38 News headlines.
11.40 Tom Jones Now! The energetic singer's guest is Isaac Hayes.
12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and John Stapleton. News from Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; financial advice at 6.40 and 8.45; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; a guest in the Spotlight at 7.25; cartoon at 7.25; guest of the day, Peggy Mount, at 7.40; the Bluebells pop video at 7.55; star romance at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves television highlights at 8.35; the TV-am doctor discusses gallstones at 9.03.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: Part one of an Indian folk tale. 9.47 Learning to read with Basil Brush. 9.59 How plants, animals and humans behave in Spring and Summer. 10.11 Basic maths: odds and evens. 10.31 The English Programme. 11.00 Documentary re-run: Being Second is No Good at All. 11.22 Living in Portugal. 11.41 The invading Romans.
12.00 Gammon and Spinach. Valerie Pitts reads the story of Alex and Roy. 12.10 Let's Pretend to the tale of the Bee and the Bear. 12.30 Homework. The first of a new series on maintenance in the home. Draughtproofing and insulation are today's subjects.
1.00 News with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Talking Personally. Sir Alastair Burnet in conversation with Leonard Rossiter
2.00 Film: Who Goes There?* (1952) starring Valerie Hobson, Nigel Patrick and George Cole. Farce about class consciousness set in a house in St James's Palace. Directed by Anthony Kimmins 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. Drama series set in a community advice centre.
4.00 Gammon and Spinach. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 The Incredible Hulk. 4.45 Danger – Marmalade at Work (Oracle titles page 170). 5.00 Dangermouse meets Nero the caterpillar. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help! Community action news from Viv Taylor Gee.
6.35 Crossroads. Jill gives Adam Chance a present he is reluctant to accept while Joe MacDonald discovers something worrying.
7.00 What's My Line? Eamonn Andrews introduces people with odd occupations to the panel of Ernie Wise, Jilly Cooper, Patrick Mower, Barbara Kelly and George Gale.
7.30 Coronation Street. Jack Duckworth rues the day he decided not to buy a television licence; and the Tilsley's have a tiff (Oracle titles page 170).
8.00 The Kit Curran Radio Show. Comedy series about the fluctuating fortunes of an ailing radio station and in particular its star disc jockey. Starring Denis Lawson (Oracle titles page 170).
8.30 World in Action.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP/Liberal Alliance.
9.10 Best Sellers: Valley of the Dolls. Part two of glossy drama about Hollywood high life (r) (Oracle titles page 170).
10.00 News.
10.30 Best Sellers: Valley of the Dolls. The final episode (Oracle titles page 170) (r).
12.25 Night Thoughts from the Rev Dr James Bentley, an Anglican priest, on the Oberammagau Passion Play.

Andrew Rashleigh: Acceptable Levels (Channel 4, 10.00pm)

CHOICE

● Five down, three to go. Beryl Bainbridge's eight-part odyssey ENGLISH JOURNEY (BBC2, 7.20pm) has now got well and truly into its stride. And Miss Bainbridge, who is new to this kind of thing, has got into hers. What is clear is that she is not inhibited by the formidable shadow of J B Priestley that follows wherever she goes, and it had never stood so close so her as it does in tonight's film, because this is the one in which Miss Bainbridge visits Priestley's home town of Bradford. His old house does not have a commemorative plaque outside. There is a vague reference to a love-hate relationship between the city and its famous son, and the omission is left at that. In fact, you will note a general reluctance to doff caps in Priestley's direction in the whole of tonight's film, except for a visit to his old school (97 per cent of its intake are Asians) and a bus ride across his beloved Dales (still 100 per cent Yorkshire). Instead, Miss Bainbridge concentrates on the social and educational repercussions of Bradford's ever-growing immigrant population; the decline and fall of the Wool Exchange (venue of an antiques market one day a week, and, on two others, a meeting place for remaining merchants who read *The Times*); the city's chief executive whose belief in equality for women comes to a grinding halt at his own front doorstep; and a tourists' guide, a startlingly photogenic girl of Polish origin, with whom Miss Bainbridge assiduously does not discuss the Brontës although they sit and chat in the Haworth churchyard that is only yards away from where the Brontës' mortal remains lie mouldering.

● Other highlights: John Davies's thought-provoking film ACCEPTABLE LEVELS (Channel 4, 10.00pm) in which local people in West Belfast and imported actors are so carefully stitched together that the seams scarcely show; and GOING ON (Radio 4, 8.15pm) Maureen O'Brien's play, in which Miss O'Brien as a sorely-tried daughter plays second fiddle to Patricia Hayes's nagging toothache of a mother. As drama, the play does not develop too well, but as a study of cruelty fuelled by self-pity, it will take a lot of beating.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Music: Harmony 6.30 Luminance and Spectroscopy 6.55 Maths: Area Games 7.20 Biological Control 7.45 Aluminium in Lynemouth. Closedown at 8.10.
9.00 Ceefax.
2.30 World Snooker. The tenth day of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Before the action begins at 3.00 David Vine has news of the competition to win tickets for the Sunday and Monday final. The session begins with the matches involving John Parrott, the unseeded player who knocked out the fourth seed, Tony Knowles, and Cliff Thorburn.
5.10 The Happiest Days of Your Life? An Open University programme that examines the many different styles of teaching and learning in this country.
5.35 News summary with subtitles.
5.40 Cartoon Two. Oddball.
5.45 Hollywood's Children. Roddy McDowell presents a documentary examining the phenomenon of the child star (r).
6.40 World Snooker. Highlights of the afternoon session in the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship.
7.20 English Journey. Beryl Bainbridge continues in the footsteps trod fifty years ago by J B Priestley (see Choice).
8.00 Call My Bluff. Frank Muir, Margaret Howard and Robin Bailey challenge Arthur Marshall, Julia McKenzie and Julian Pettifer in another edition of the obscure word game.
8.30 Sporting Chance presented by Anneka Rice. Brian Hooper enters a 'white water' canoeing competition; Francis Wilson completes his weight training course; and Windsor Davies continues his dinghy instruction.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP/Liberal Alliance.
9.10 World Snooker. John Parrott and Cliff Thorburn play the last nine frames of their second round matches.
9.35 Horizon: A Cruel Inheritance. A documentary about the agonizing decision faced by two families who have a faulty gene. This means that any child either wife conceives might be born diseased.
10.25 World Snooker. A further visit to Sheffield.
10.55 Newsnight.
11.40 World Snooker introduced by David Vine.
12.10 Open University: The Romantic Poets in the Alps 12.35 Complex Human Ecosystems: A Toronto Case Study. Ends at 1.05.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. Another round of the fast-moving anagrams and mental arithmetic competition. Winner of the past six contests, retired accountant Sydney Price of Coventry, faces his seventh challenge. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted by Gyles Brandreth.
5.30 Jeopardy. Quiz game with a difference. The competitors are given an answer by Derek Hobson and they have to supply the question.
6.00 Here's Lucy. The scatterbrained heroine has to prove her head for heights when she is challenged by her new employer to a race up a mountain. If she loses she will also lose her job.
6.30 Coping. The third programme in the series about how people survived crises in their lives is about Maurice and his alcohol addiction. He began drinking when a teenaged sailor and only decided to attend a centre for alcohol and drug abuse when he thought that he might lose his daughter. He explains how the centre helped him to cope with his problem and how it is a ray of hope for others in the same position as himself.
7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons.
7.50 Comment. With a pertinent view of a topical subject is Frances Morell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority.
8.00 Henry Cooper's Golden Belt. The final of the Inter-city Boys' Clubs Boxing Challenge between Liverpool and Manchester. Henry Cooper, as usual, talks to the young men in the dressing rooms before the bouts and to their parents at the ringside. Liverpool, boxing on their own patch – the Kirkdale Community Centre – hope to upset the strong favourites, Manchester. Helping Henry Cooper to choose the Best Young Boxer of the evening is Errol Christie. The commentator is Dave Branner.
9.00 Africa. The first of a new eight-part series about the Dark Continent. Basil Davidson reveals the drama of African history with the help of archive film, illustrated eye-witness accounts, dramatic reconstructions colourful graphics, stills and documentary film of festivals and ceremonies.
10.00 Film: Acceptable Levels (1983) starring Andy Rashleigh, Kay Adshead and Sally McCaffery. A made-for-television drama about a TV documentary team whose presence in West Belfast is responsible for the death of a little child, killed by a British Army plastic bullet. Directed by John Davies.
11.55 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming week. Shipping.
6.25 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Prayer 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week on 4. A look ahead.
8.43 Girl Wonder in the BBC Sound Archives. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the week with Richard Baker and studio guests.†
10.00 News; Money Box (r).
10.30 Morning Story: "The Trick" by Anton Chekhov. Read by David March.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way visits Morpeth the county town of Northumberland. Brian Johnston learns about the borough's riding ceremony; the annual Northumbrian Gathering; and meets a lady who has raised over a £1 million to buy a body scanner.
11.48 Poetry Please! Charles Tomlinson is the presenter.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Stilgoe's Around with Richard Stilgoe at Champney's Health Hydro in Hertfordshire. 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast (by the SDP/Liberal Alliance.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Sue MacGregor visits Paris. And Jeremy Nicholas reads the first part of a seven-part adaptation of Jerome K Jerome's, My Life and Times.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Under Wraps, by Chris Allen. Comedy about a young scientist who has developed a new kind of root vegetable that he feels can revolutionize the world's economy. With Clive Francis and John Moffatt (r).†
4.30 Acoustics through the Ear Trumpet. David Jones explains how the size of an object affects the pitch of the noise it makes.
4.40 Story Time: "Time After Time" by Molly Keane (3). Read by Sheila Mitchell.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue with Tim Brooke-Taylor, William Rushton and Barry Cryer.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Science Now. Colin Tudge's review of discoveries and developments.
7.50 Waterlines: Cliff Michelmore on some events and sporting activities taking place in, on or under, the water. In this first programme there are items on: sailing lessons and why it is never too late to learn with a competition to win a free course at the Welsh National Sailing School; and tropical fishing advice
8.15 The Monday Play "Going On" by Maureen O'Brien. A play about an "impossible" old woman (played by Patricia Hayes). She is a real tyrant, who has made life difficult for everybody around her, all her life. Yet, despite everything, it is impossible not to like her. The role of her daughter, Maggie, is played by Miss O'Brien herself. With June Barrie and Arthur Kelly.†
9.30 Kaleidoscope: Topics include Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, at the Royal Exchange in Manchester.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Naples 44" by Norman Lewis (5). Read by John Rowe.
10.30 The World Tonight; Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 – Close. Shipping.
England VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55pm (continued). 11.00 Study On 4: Dreams of Indiscretion and Desire. 11.30-12.00am Open University: 11.30 Waiting for the Big One. 11.50 Music Interlude.



Martin Muncaster, Cliff Michelmore and Harriet Cass present Waterlines (Radio 4 7.50pm)

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Berlioz's overture The Corsair; Barsanti's Sonata in G minor (Pickett/Reeth); Bruch's Septet in E flat.† 8.00 News.
8.05 Concert: part two. Strauss's Metamorphosen; Castello's Sonata quarta; and Haydn's Symphony No 46.† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Arnold Schoenberg. The Verklarte Nacht, Op 4 for string sextet; and Variations for Orchestra, Op 31.†
10.00 Music for Piano Duet: Brahms's Variations on theme of Schumann; and Onslow's Sonata in F minor. Played by David Owen Norris and Erik Levi.†
10.50 Arne and Boyce: Arne's Symphony No 2; and Boyce's Concerto Grosso in E minor for Strings.†
11.15 Bartok: Sandor Vegh, violin, and Andras Schiff play the Violin Sonata No 1.†
11.55 Edward Downes Conducts: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra with Miles Sado (cello). Walton's Scapino overture; Martinu's Cello Concerto No 1; and Tchaikovsky's Francesca da Rimini, Op 32.† 1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Liszt, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, and Rachmaninov recital by Elisabeth Soderstrom (soprano) with Roger Vignoles at the piano. Includes Rachmaninov's Oh, do not sing; Loneliness; and The Ratcatcher; and Schubert's Gretchen am Spinnrade.†
2.00 Music Weekly: Includes Julian Budden on Verdi's opera The Sicilian Vespers. And a conversation with Christopher Page. (r)†
2.50 New Records: Linblad's overture The Rebels; Dvorak's Piano Concerto in G minor (Moravec/Czech Philharmonic); Grieg's Lyric Suite; Zabel's Am Springbrunnen (Drake, harp); and Schumann's Symphony No 2.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Natalie Wheen's selection.†
6.30 Music for Organ: John Langdon in Paisley Abbey plays works by Parry and Kenneth Leighton (Six Fantasies on Hymn Tunes).†
7.00 Jenufa: Elisabeth Söderström sings the title role in Janacek's opera, sung in Czech. With Marie Mrazova (Grandmother), Lucia Popp (Karolka) and Peter Dvorsky and Wieslaw Ochman as the stepbrothers. Sir Charles Groves conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and State Opera Chorus. Act one.†
7.45 A Most Bewitching Presence: Marjorie Westbury as Marie Wilton in a theatrical reminiscence.
8.05 Jenufa: Act 2. The third act can be heard at 9.00, after the interval reading at 8.55.
9.40 Fauré Piano Music: a recital by Eric Parkin. The works include the Impromptu No 4 in D flat, Op 91; and the Theme and Variations, Op 73.†
10.30 Jazz Today: Charles Fox introduces the Paul Rutherford Trio, and Folkus.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF ONLY – OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.15-6.55am, 6.15 Propel in Prisons. 6.35-6.55 Repetition in Music. 11.20-12.00pm 11.20 Buddhism in Thailand 11.40-12.00 Inequalities.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00am, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. News headlines: 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (mf/mw). 4.00am Bill Rennells† 5.30 Colin Berry (mf). 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Terry Wogan (mf). 8.31 Racing Bulletin 8.45 Pause for Thought 10.00 Russell Harty† 12.00pm Steve Jones† 2.05 Gloria Hunniford (mf) 3.02 Sport 3.35 Music All The Way (mf). 4.02 Sport 4.05 David Hamilton (mf). 5.05, 6.02 Sport 6.05 John Dunn (mf). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only) 7.30 Cricket Scores 8.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era† 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz† 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 Space Force. 4. The Time Ship 10.25 Star Sound 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride† 3.00-4.00 Folk on 2 with Jim Lloyd†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Simon Bates 11.30 Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat 2.00 Steve Wright 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat 7.00 David Jensen 10.00-12.00 John Peel† VHF Radios 1 and 2 4.00am With Radio 2 10.00pm With Radio 1 12.00-4.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Vilette. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music Now. 10.15 The Future of Work. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 An Ice Cream War. 11.30 Omnibus. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Brain of Britain 1984. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 A Digance Indulgence. 1.45 Twins. 2.30 Pageant of the Past. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Iberia, Iberia. 4.30 The Future of Work. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.30 Sports International. 9.00 London Royal. 9.15 An Ice-Cream War. 9.30 Counterpoint. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Iberia, Iberia. 11.30 Brain of Britain 1984. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Twins. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Such Sweet Harmony. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 London Royal. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today. (All times in GMT)

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines 5.55 Wales Today 6.12-6.17 Party political broadcast (Plaid Cymru) 6.40-7.10 Gardening together 9.00-9.10 Party political Broadcast (Welsh Liberal/SDP Alliance) 12.05am News and weather. SCOTLAND 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes 9.00-9.10 Party political broadcast (Scottish Liberal/SDP Alliance) 12.05am News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News 5.55 Scene Around Six. 6.40-7.10 Channel One. 12.15am News and weather. ENGLAND 5.55pm Regional news magazines 6.40-7.10 EAST – Sheridan Morely Meets . . . David Frost. MIDLANDS – Spelepgenels. NORTH EAST – NORTH COUNTRY – NORTH EAST Yes – SOUTH Hey Look . . . That's Me – SOUTH WEST A Cornish Century WEST R.P.M. 12.10am close.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20 News. 3.30 Film: Time for Loving*. 6.00 Channel report. 7.00 Spice of Life. 9.00-9.10 Chance to Meet. 1.20 pm Lunchtime 1.30–3.30 Film: Gangway. 5.15–5.45 Survival. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30 Lifestyle. 12.20 am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20 pm Lunchtime. 3.30 Film: Gangway* (Jessie Matthews). 5.15 Survival. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30 Lifestyle. 12.20 am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.30 Film: A Time For Loving (Britt Ekland). 3.20-3.30 Cartoon. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Story of Wine. *2.00-3.30 Film: Crooks Anonymous (Stanley Baxter). 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35-7.00 At Ease. 12.25 Closedown.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Can y Pibydd. 2.15 Interval. 2.50 Film: Victoria The Great. 4.55 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.00 Helfa Drysor. 5.30 Barriers. 6.00 Barriers. 6.00 Avengers. 6.55 Darllediad Gwleidyddol. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn? 8.00 Upstairs, Downstairs. 9.00 Fe Sgrifennais I Hon . . . 9.30 y Byd Ar Bedwar. 10.00 Sniwcer. 10.40 Darllediad Gwleidyddol. 10.50 Self-Encounter. 11.30 Love, Sidney. 12.00 Voices. 12.55 Closedown.

GRANADA 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-3.30 Film: 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.25am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Jigsaw* (Jack Warner). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Cop and the Kid. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.40-7.00 Airmail. 12.20am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News and Lookaround. 1.30 Judi. 2.00-3.30 Film: Nurse on Wheels* (Juliet Mills). 5.15-5.45 Mr Smith.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Magnificent Seven Deadly Sins (Harry Secombe). 5.15-5.45 Private Benjamin. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.15 Canon in the Kitchen. 6.30-7.00 Gambit. 12.25am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Cartoon. *1.45 Film: Batchelor Knight (Cary Grant). 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 12.25am Real Jesus.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Bunny Lake is Missing (Laurence Olivier). 5.15-5.45 Gambit. 6.00 North tonight. 6.30-7.00 Top Club. 12.20am News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Four Days in Dallas. Reconstruction of Kennedy assassination. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Hear Here. 6.45-7.00 Crime Desk. 12.25am Late Call, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20 pm News 1.30 Film: Bachelor Knight* (Cary Grant). Comedy. 3.15 LAUREL AND HARDY*. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 NEWSHOUND. 6.00 NEWS. 6.30-7.00 MR SMITH. 12.20 am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV except: 6.00-6.55pm Wales at Six. 6.55-7.00 Party Political Broadcast.

HTV As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Kidnapped (Michael Caine). 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00-7.00 News. 12.20am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1 MF 1053kHz/285m or 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2 MF 693kHz/433m or 909kHz/330m. Radio 1/2 VHF 88-91MHz. Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz, MF 1215kHz/247m. Radio 4 LF 200kHz/1500m and VHF 92-95MHz. Greater London Area MF 720kHz/417m. LBC MF 1152kHz/261m, VHF 97.3MHz. Capital MF 1548kHz/194m, VHF 95.8MHz. BBC Radio London MF 1458kHz/206m and VHF 94.9MHz. World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

Once-a-year-day for fritillaria meleagris





Nature lovers from parts of Britain descended on a Suffolk meadow yesterday to photograph the snake's head fritillary – a variety of wild lily. Fox Fritillary Meadow at Boundary Farm, Framsden (above), is the biggest site in Britain for the plant, fritillaria meleagris, which is largely confined to four areas in the county. The meadow is thrown open to the public on one day a year. The purple and rarer white blooms last up to two weeks – if theyarenoteatenbypheasants.

Gaddafi greets Libyans with attack on Britain

Colonel Gaddafi alst night appeared to threaten terrorist reprisals against Britain in the wake of the embassy siege in London.

"Now the time has come to treat Britain in a reciprocal manner after it has been confirmed that Britain protects terrorism and the enemies of the Libyan Arab people," official Jana news agency quoted the Libyan leader. He was speaking in Tripoli to the group of Libyans expelled from Britain on Friday after the killing of a London policewoman on April 17.

Colonel Gaddafi said the Libyans in the mission had been "victims of an air and ground armed attack". Libyan officials had previously referred to a British police helicopter which they said had overflown the embassy the day WPC Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead.

"We are sorry that Britain disregards international norms and laws as the Libyan Arab People's Bureau (the Embassy) members who are under the protection of this state (Britain) were victims of an air and ground armed attack" the Libyan leader was quoted as saying.

"I was sorry that relations between the Libyan Arab and British peoples were severed and I know that it is not the wish of the British people but that of the authorities which do not represent the people because authority is in the hands of a small group, not in the hands of the people.

"In the past we established our relations with the Government and not the people and I know that people do not hate each other. Because people have not been able yet to establish the Jamahire (masses) society, such mistakes could be repeated."

Israelis swoop on anti-Arab activists

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standing trial after members of three groups were charged in the past two months with attacking Arabs.

Police fear that those detained over the weekend may represent a more professional and well organized – and hence more dangerous – trend in vigilantism.

Some left-wing politicians have warned of the existance of an armed Jewish underground since 1980, when car bombs crippled Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus and Karim Khalaf of Ramallah, two leading Arab figures on the West Bank.

In July last year, a sub-machine gun and grenade attack killed three students at the Islamic collegein southern West Bank town of Hebron.

Police are investigating possible connexions between those incidents and Friday's attempt to blow up the Arab buses. Officers said privately that the new group was more sophisticated than the three groups now on trial over the ambushing of an Arab bus and attempted grenade attacks on Arab targets including Muslim shrines on the Temple Mount.

Because of the new blackout, no authoritative report on the weekend developments has been made public.

Mr Mati Atzmon, an Israeli attorney representing the Arab Jerusalem-Kalandia bus company, whose vehicles were booby-trapped, told *The Times* that a man who planted the bombs was arrested in the small hours of Friday morning and led investigators to four booby-trapped buses.

Officials are hinting privately that the plot was discovered because secret agents infiltrated the group.

Bureau siege inquiry demands grow stronger

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Among the questions he wants answered are:

● Whether the alleged order from Colonel Gaddafi to the bureau ordering its staff to fire on demonstrators and possibly the police did exist, and whether it could have been used in time to prevent the tragedy.

● Whether if the order was not received in time to save Wpc Fletcher it could have been used to prevent the bombing at Heathrow.

● How the Government allowed a situation to arise in which people who were not recognized as accredited diplomats were covered by diplomatic immunity.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, also backed an inquiry. He wanted to know what was meant by Mr Brittan's statement that no information that would have led the Government to believe that such an incident would occur "was in our hands" before the event.

Did that mean that information had reached GCHQ, Mr Steel asked. Was the relaying of information held up by the dispute at GCHQ?

Mr Eldon Griffiths, Conservative MP for Bury St Edmunds and parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said an inquiry should establish why the Foreign Office did not intervene to improve the calibre of diplomats representing Libya.

Mr Brittan, in an interview in *The World This Weekend* on BBC Radio, said that no one could suggest that the Government had been "tardy" in its response.

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Letter from Flanders

Stirrings of spring in a flat landscape

It is the land where God must first have tried out a flat earth policy. Somewhere out there the sky touches the earth but the eye is not sure where. Lines of trees reach up, tossed by the North Sea winds. The huge sky, now blue, now grey and black with clouds, is ever changing.

It is a land so monotonously flat and cheap that industry has been attracted there in ugly proportions. Pylons march back and forth in grotesque formations. Mechanical shovels hang over fences in rows, like metal monsters drinking at a trough. Warehouses and factories proliferate in patches.

But with the first warm days of this late spring even these flatlands are putting on a pretty face. The trees smudge green against the moving sky. Pink blossom tints gnarled cherries in factory forecourts and in the wayside grass beside the motorway the defiant wild daffodil rears an occasional head.

Cyclists in race against obesity

Sunday cycle clubs, identically capped and T-shirted, slide out towards the horizon in a race against obesity. Birds sweep past in returning droves.

And out past Boom – a town best recommended for its name – the sideroads past the factories lead off to deepest Flanders, where folk refuse to understand French. Where madonnas smile serenely from the shining windows and where every church tower seems to be home for a singing carillon.

Follow the signs to Hingene and find a typically untypical village. Meticulous brick houses, mock French château, flags, a canal, a budding wood and a luxurious cake-shop. And by the edge of the canal on the edge of the village, surely one of the most unlikely concert halls in Europe.

Beer and music for light relief

The Oude Poort looks as though it had its last coat of paint somewhere towards the end of the last century and the name, in huge Gothic letters, is scarcely discernible. But most Sundays it is impossible to find anywhere to park outside this outwardly scruffy inn.

The reason is the music. In this flat land (to complement the advertisement) there is more than beer to give relief (although beer is available too). There is music.

Most Sunday mornings the doors to the inn are closed and the way in is round the back through the kitchen, where lunchtime soup is under preparation in a huge saucepan. Entrance is about 75p and that includes a cup of strong coffee.

The music is rich and varied. String quartets, choirs, and, on a recent Sunday, a trio of German harp, Brazilian recorder and South African violin. The audience sit, wrapt, with faces that testify to the accuracy of Brueghel.

In the interval there is time to admire the peacock admiring the peahen in the tatty backyard, to wander by the canal or to drink a beer – perhaps that sour yeastless *gueuze* which is supposed to ferment with the help of a bacteria found only in the air round Brussels.

The bar is dominated by its bulbous iron stove in the middle of the room, six feet high, with a great warm pipe soaring up towards the smokey roof and then stretching across the side wall.

Sound accoustics in low room

The acoustics are sound. The music fills the room and drowns the crowing rooster and the barking dog in the garden. The front row of the audience is in danger from the violinist's flashing bow. The golden harp, scarcely more ornate than the iron stove, cascades its notes. The recorder warbles like a nightingale.

And afterwards come, the soup and thick, brown bread accompanied by talk with thick, round English vowels. A proud mother duck paddles past down the canal with a dozen fluffy future ducks struggling in her wake. The rain April-fashion comes and goes.

The tables and chairs go back and the concert hall becomes an inn again – but only for a few hours. That evening there is a jazz concert with a different audience from the flatlands. Monotony is only in the mind.

Ian Murray

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

Roy Kitchin Sculpture Show; Sutton Manor Arts Centre, Sutton Scotney, Winchester; Tues to Sun 10 to 6 (10 to 7 June 1 to August 31); open all Bank Holiday Mondays (closed normal Mons) (ends Oct 31).

Last chance to see

19th and 20th Century Scottish Paintings, Fine Art Society, 134 Blythswood Street, Glasgow; Mon 9.30 to 5.30 (ends today).

Freshwater Biological Association, Dorset County Museum, High Street West, Dorchester; Mon 10 to 5 (ends today).

Highland landmarks – photographs of the Highland landscape by Michael Edwards, Museum and Art Gallery, Inverness; Mon 9 to 5 (ends today).

F. W. Frohawk, artist and naturalist, National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff; Mon 10 to 5 (ends today).

Paintings and Drawings by Fred Parish, Rozelle House, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon 11 to 5 (ends today).

Paintings by Jean Gardner and Sheila Macmilan, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon 11 to 5 (ends today).

Talks, lectures

Two prophets of the 20th century; Spengler and Toynbee, by James Joll, Molecular Sciences lecture theatre, University of Sussex, Brighton, 6.

Exhibitions in progress

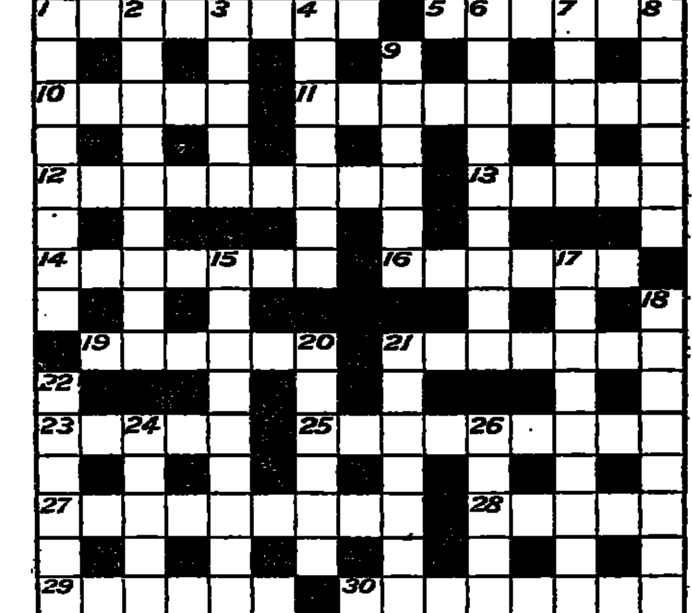
Calligraphy '84 – recent work from the Society of Scribes and Illuminators, Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton; Mon to Fri 9.0 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5 closed Weds and Sun (ends May 19).

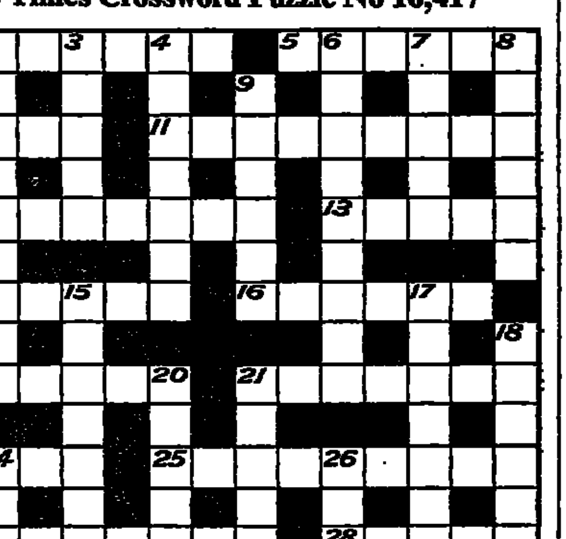
Northern Potters '84 – a selected exhibition of work by members of the Northern Potters Association, York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends May 20).

Textiles and Sculpture – at Helious Pictures, 2a Salisbury Road, Mosley, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 6, closed Sunday (ends May 10).

Picasso Prints – Scottish Arts Council touring exhibition, Dudhope Arts Centre, St Mary Place, Dundee; Mon to Thurs 9 to 9, Fri 9 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 12, closed Sun (ends May 19).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,417





ACROSS

1 Drunken senior Under-Secretary one could get stuck with (8).
5 It may be stopped whilst crossing a bridge (6).
10 Unparalleled biographies? Not in Plutarch's case (5).
11 Cat is heard! Watch for bird! (9).
12 Well-spoken smuggler identified with Halifax (9).
13 Old Russian punishment was nothing, some say (5).
14 Invert part of chapter in Holy Writ (7).
16 "I saw old —— in the misty morn" (Hood) (6).
19 The wrong parent to beguile (6).
21 Just one of those cloth-workers' overheads? (7).
23 About twenty inches? Make it eight thousand, say (5).
25 Eliot's men displaced this rock (9).
27 It may remove bits of hotpot, in cook's kitchen initially (9).
28 Shattered Mountevans's ship (5).
29 Division in Rome, or in Toc H perhaps (6).
30 The advantage of curiosity (8).

DOWN

1 Priest loses his head in area of his study (8).
2 A number interviewed about sports item (9).
3 No Scots girl would have such a twang (5).
4 Met punk, terribly disorderly (7).
6 Con-man has disturbed rest after round of cards (9).
7 State of Gilbertian princess? What a surprise! (5).
8 Conjecture about first of these to be entertained? (6).
9 The way most of a day down under appears in verse (6).
15 An old exaggeration from Procrustes (9).
17 Timekeeper encountered on entering a capital (9).
18 Through which one may view an old nationalist (8).
20 Wan, having paid about two pounds (6).
21 Rustic fellow makes an impact on his family (7).
22 Vinegary one with a nervous mannerism (6).
24 Stock for our railways, though shortly to be changed (5).
26 Fur obtained from Brideshead in bargain offer (5).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,416 will appear next Saturday

In Saturday's prize puzzle the word "stop" appeared wrongly as "top" in 28 across.

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Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes announced on Saturday are: £100,000: 22AN 862714 (winner lives in Kent); £50,000: 4PT 867295 (winner lives overseas); £25,000: 20ZZ 942067 (Surrey).

Roundabout rules

The Automobile Association has warned British motorists heading for France that from midnight tonight the "priority to the right rule" on roundabouts will be reversed. In future vehicles on the roundabout will have priority – as in Britain – but the change is bound to lead to confusion in the early days, the organization says. The spokesman added: "There has been an extensive advertising campaign in France, but our advice to everyone is, take extra care."

Anniversaries

Births: Mary II, reigned 1689-94, London, 1662; Franz Lehár, Komárom, Hungary, 1870: Jaroslav Hašek, writer, author of *The Good Soldier Schweik*, Prague, 1883. Deaths: James Montgomery, poet and hymn writer, Sheffield, 1854; Edouard Manet, Paris, 1883; A. E. Housman, scholar and poet, Cambridge, 1936; Adolf Hitler, Berlin, 1945; Sir Almroth Wright, bacteriologist, Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, 1947.

National Day

The Dutch today celebrate the official birthday of Queen Beatrix. It is in fact the real birthday of her mother, Queen Juliana, who was born on April 30, 1909; it is also the day on which Queen Beatrix succeeded to the throne on the abdication of her mother.

Nature notes

With the fine weather, the last five wave of summer migrants has swept into Britain. In old woods and parks, redstarts are singing briskly and flashing their scarlet tails; sedge-warblers are whistling and croaking among the reeds and osiers; wood-warblers are singing in the high beech-tops. Skylarks are nesting in the young corn; the males climb vertically into the sky, singing from the moment they break cover. On ponds, parties of newly-hatched coots pursue their parents relentlessly: the older birds sometimes try to escape with a fish they have caught, then drop it and abandon it to their offsprings.

Bluebells are flowering in shady woods; greater stitchwort is opening on the sunny side of footpaths. Red dead-nettles are springing up on every waste patch: the small leaves at the top are as purple as the flowers. On the black Italian populars, shiny leaves are appearing among the long red catkins; on the Asiatic elms planted to replace dead English elms, the new leaves are a very pale green. Woodpigeons seek out the tenderest young shoots to eat – they have now deserted the cherries and Lombardy populars for the opening lime-tree buds.

The papers

With the breaking of diplomatic relations with Libya and the progress of the miners's strike occupying most of their editorial attention, yesterday's Sundays chose a wide range of subjects for their subsidiary comment. The Sunday Express deplored the multiple marriages and divorces of such stars as Elizabeth Taylor and Jerry Lee Lewis. "Better the happily married couple of humbler means", the paper said, who would achieve "greater riches" through a long lasting single union. The Observer took the Conservatives of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to task for "municipal vandalism" over its old town hall. The Sunday Mirror said the same

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.60	1.52
Austria Sch	27.90	26.30
Belgium Fr	81.00	77.00
Canada $	1.85	1.78
Denmark Kr	14.41	13.71
Finland Mkk	8.34	7.94
France Fr	11.97	11.47
Germany DM	3.90	3.72
Greece Dr	156.00	146.00
Hongkong $	11.34	10.74
Ireland Pt	1.28	1.22
Italy Lira	2405.00	2305.00
Japan Yen	332.00	316.00
Netherlands Gld	4.43	4.21
Norway Kr	11.30	10.70
Portugal Esc	197.00	187.00
South Africa Rd	2.08	1.93
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.64	11.04
Switzerland Fr	3.24	3.07
USA $	1.44	1.39
Yugoslavia Dnr	196.00	179.00

Retail Price Index: 345.1.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 8.9 on Friday at 908.00

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 6.18 down on Friday at 1169.07.

Roads

London and South-east: A4: Cromwell Road, Kensington, reduced in width eastbound near former air terminal. A406: Various lane closures at Henley's Corner, junction with Finchley Road, North Circular Road, Golders Green. A33: Outside lane closed northbound, Winchester bypass, Hampshire.

Midlands: A41: One lane with temporary lights on Warwick to Birmingham Road at Hatton, Warwickshire. A38: All traffic sharing southbound carriageway between the Watchorn Island (A61 junction) at Alfreton and the motorway (M1) roundabout at junction 28 nr Matlock, Derbyshire. M1: Contraflow between junctions 16 and 18 (Watford Gap, M45 junction); serious delays.

Wales and West: A48/A473: Reconstruction at junction 6 Nolton Street/Cowbridge Road, Bridgend. A4018: Delays in Whiteladies Road, Bristol. A390: 30 mph speed limit on Lostwihiel to Truro road, at Penpillick Hill, St Blazey.

North: A689: Improvement work between Newton Bewley and Caxton Bank, Cleveland. M6: Reconstruction work on the Northbound carriageway between junctions 41 and 44. A167: Merrington Lane (B6287) closed due to remedial bridge work.

Scotland: Canongate, City of Edinburgh, closed to westbound traffic between Cranston Street and New Street due to gas main renewal; diversion. A737: Sewer laying at Ferguslie, east of Fulbar Road, Paisley, Kirkcudbright; outside lane closed on both carriageways, delays. A701: Sewer renewal at Churchgate Moffat, Dumfriesshire; single lane traffic with lights.

Walks of the week

Today: Streets paved with gold, Stock Exchange and Guildhall, meet Bank Underground, Royal Exchange exit, 2. The London of Charles Dickens, meet Holborn Underground, 11.30. London's Palaces, meet Embankment Underground, 2. Riverside Pubs, Prisons and Hidden Paths, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30.

Tomorrow: Legal London, Old Bailey, Inns of Court and Royal Courts of Justice, meet St Paul's Underground, 2. Haunted East End and Pub Walk, meet Whitechapel Underground, 7. In the Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes, meet Covent Garden Underground, 11. Westminster and Parliament Square, meet Covent Garden Underground, 7.30. In the Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes, meet Baker Street Underground, 11. Inside the London of Shakespeare and Pepys, meet Temple Underground, 2. Westminster, 1000 years of History, meet Westminster Underground, 7.30. Myths and Legends of London, meet outside Museum of London, 2.30 Mysterious Interiors of Hidden London, meet Holborn Underground, Kingsway exit, 9.50. (also Wed, Thurs, Fri).

Wednesday: Spectacular St James's, Clubs, Pubs and Palaces, meet Green Park Underground, 7.30. Legal and Illegal London, Inns of Court, meet Holborn Underground, 2. An Historic Pub Walk, Fleet Street, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30. Saxon, Norman and Viking London, meet Museum of London, 2.30

Weather

An anticyclone over Denmark will remain slow moving while a weak trough of low pressure approaches northwestern districts.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW, central N England, E, W Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny periods; wind SE moderate to fresh; max temp 14C to 16C (57-61F).

East Anglia, E England: Sunny periods; wind SE moderate; max temp 12C to 14C (54-57F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth: Sunny periods; wind southerly fresh; max temp 14C to 16C (57-61F).

NE England, Border, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals; wind southerly moderate or fresh; max temp 11C to 13C (52-55F) cooler near coasts.

Argyll, NW Shetland, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, some bright intervals, but a little rain or drizzle in places. Wind southerly strong. A little above normal, max temp 12C to 14C (54-57F).

Outlook for Tuesday and Wednesday: Becoming unsettled, with showers or longer periods of rain, especially in the south.

SEA PASSAGES: North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind E fresh or strong; sea rough. English Channel (E): Wind E strong; sea rough or very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SE strong perhaps gale; sea rough or very rough.

Sun rises: 5.34 am Sun sets: 8.22 pm
Moon rises: 5.39 am Moon sets: 7.41 pm
New Moon tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 8.52 pm to 5.02 am
Bristol 9.02 pm to 5.12 am
Edinburgh 9.20 pm to 4.59 am
Manchester 9.07 pm to 5.04 am
Penzance 9.10 pm to 5.26 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

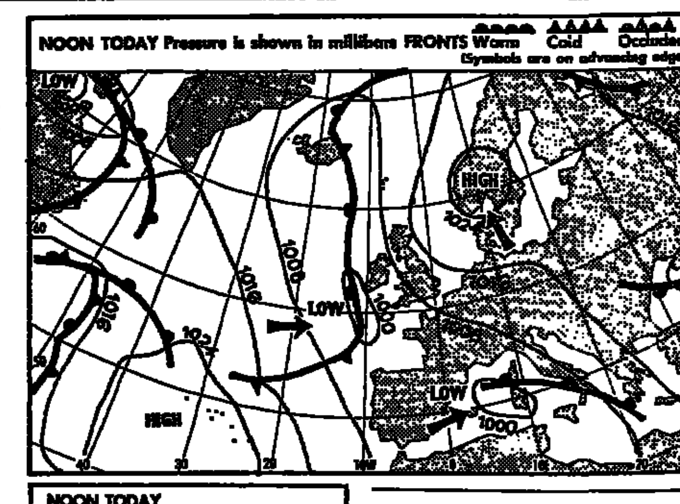
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Belfast	s	15	59	Guernsey	s	11	52
B'ham	s	14	57	Inverness	s	16	61
Blackpool	s	15	59	Jersey	s	12	54
Bristol	s	14	57	London	s	12	54
Cardiff	s	14	57	Manchester	s	15	59
Edinburgh	f	10	50	Newcastle	f	11	52
Glasgow	s	14	57	Ronaldsway	s	10	50

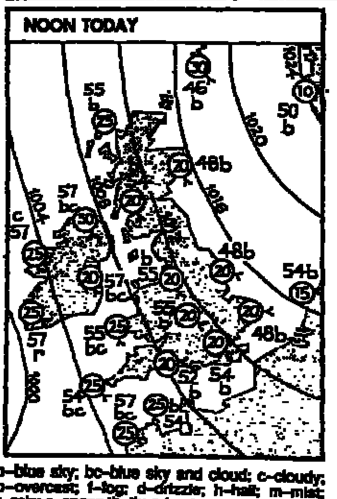
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Lossiemouth 19C (66F); lowest day max: St Abbs Head 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, a trace; highest sunshine: Sandown 13.5hr.
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Diabaig 22C (72F); lowest day max: Fair Isle 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Wick 0.01in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis 13.8hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 45 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 13.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1018.5 millibars, falling
Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 13.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1023.0 millibars falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.





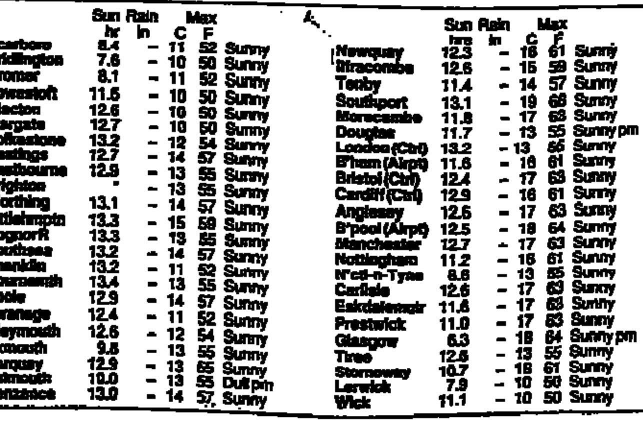
b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.20	6.7	2.42	6.9
Aberdeen	1.56	3.9	1.56	3.9
Avonmouth	7.45	12.4	8.02	12.4
Belfast	11.37	3.1	11.55	3.0
Cardiff	7.30	11.5	7.47	11.5
Devonport	6.14	5.3	6.37	5.3
Dover	11.37	6.1	11.49	6.3
Falmouth	5.44	5.1	6.07	5.1
Glasgow	1.30	4.4	1.45	4.5
Harwich	12.12	3.8	12.42	3.9
Holyhead	10.52	5.3	11.12	5.2
Hull	6.58	6.9	7.03	7.2
Ilfracombe	6.32	8.6	6.49	8.7
Leith	3.07	5.1	3.14	5.3
Liverpool	11.49	9.0		
Lowestoft	10.22	2.2	10.12	2.3
Margate	12.16	4.4	12.51	4.5
Milford Haven	6.46	6.6	7.03	6.7
Newquay	5.37	6.7	5.54	6.7
Oban	6.19	3.9	6.36	3.8
Penzance	5.12	5.4	5.34	5.4
Portland	7.25	1.9	7.57	2.0
Portsmouth			noon	4.4
Shoreham	11.48	5.8		
Southampton	11.31	4.3	11.51	4.4
Swansea	6.54	9.0	4.19	5.1
Tees	415	5.0	4.19	5.1
Walton-on-Naze	12.04	3.8	12.27	4.0

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	8.4	–	11	52	Sunny
Bridlington	7.6	–	10	50	Sunny
Cromer	8.1	–	11	52	Sunny
Lowestoft	11.6	–	10	50	Sunny
Clacton	12.6	–	10	50	Sunny
Margate	12.7	–	10	50	Sunny
Folkestone	13.2	–	12	54	Sunny
Hastings	12.7	–	14	57	Sunny
Eastbourne	12.9	–	13	55	Sunny
Brighton	*	–	13	55	Sunny
Worthing	13.1	–	14	57	Sunny
Littlehmptn	13.3	–	15	59	Sunny
BognorR	13.3	–	13	55	Sunny
Southsea	13.2	–	14	57	Sunny
Shanklin	13.2	–	11	52	Sunny
Bournemth	13.4	–	13	55	Sunny
Poole	12.9	–	14	57	Sunny
Swanage	12.4	–	11	52	Sunny
Weymouth	12.6	–	12	54	Sunny
Exmouth	9.8	–	13	55	Sunny
Torquay	12.9	–	13	55	Sunny
Falmouth	10.0	–	13	55	Dull pm
Penzance	13.0	–	14	57	Sunny

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Newquay	12.3	–	16	61	Sunny
Ilfracombe	12.6	–	15	59	Sunny
Tenby	11.4	–	14	57	Sunny
Southport	13.1	–	19	66	Sunny
Morecambe	11.8	–	17	63	Sunny
Douglas	11.7	–	13	55	Sunny pm
London (Ctrl)	13.2	–	13	55	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	11.6	–	16	61	Sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	12.4	–	17	63	Sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	12.9	–	16	61	Sunny
Anglesey	12.6	–	17	63	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	12.5	–	18	64	Sunny
Manchester	12.7	–	17	63	Sunny
Nottingham	11.2	–	16	61	Sunny
N'ctl-n-Tyne	8.6	–	13	55	Sunny
Carlisle	12.6	–	17	63	Sunny
Eskdalemuir	11.6	–	17	63	Sunny
Prestwick	11.0	–	17	63	Sunny
Glasgow	6.3	–	18	64	Sunny pm
Tiree	12.6	–	13	55	Sunny
Stornoway	10.7	–	16	61	Sunny
Lerwick	7.9	–	10	50	Sunny
Wick	11.1	–	10	50	Sunny

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	16	61	Copenhgn	s	15	59	Majorca	f	23	73	Rio de Jan*			
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Corfu	r	14	57	Malaga	c	19	66	Rome	f	14	57
Alexandria				Dallas*	s	25	77	Malta	s	20	68	Salzburg	f	9	48
Algiers	c	21	70	Dublin	s	15	59	Melbourne	s	16	61	Sao Paulo*			
Amsterdam	s	13	55	Dubrovnik				Mexico C*	s	28	82	S Francisco*	s	16	61
Athens	c	17	63	Faro	f	18	64	Miami*	s	27	81	Santiago*			
Bahrain	s	35	95	Florence	c	13	55	Milan				Seoul	s	20	68
Barbados*	c	28	82	Frankfurt	s	11	52	Montreal*	s	18	64	Singapore	s	32	90
Barcelona	c	15	59	Funchal	c	19	66	Moscow	s	16	61	Stockholm	c	19	66
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